

REMEMBER THE DIFFICULT DAYS? THEN LOOK TO EUROPEAN BAPTISTS TODAY

By Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins
Golden Gate Seminary
Berkeley, California

Do you remember the difficult days of old?

Well, I do. With my seminary degree and very little else, I had gone to the great old Galilee Church of Gloster, Mississippi to be its pastor. The church had no budget. Subscriptions had been taken that promised \$100 a month pastor's salary—payable if and when collected. Collections were taken at intervals for denominational causes. The only one that amounted to much was received for the orphanage when the children came and sang for us. Galilee was the only full-time church in the Mississippi Association of 70 churches and led all the rest!

Nearly 20 years passed, and I sat in the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The treasurer of the Home Mission Board had stolen a million dol-

lars. Debts had accumulated on other convention agencies. Southern Baptists were in virtual bankruptcy. In our deep distress, we called on God—and he answered with the Coopera-

tive Program. Today our hearts are high with hope as we go forward with relative financial security both for churches and their pastors and for the Convention and its causes.

22 Baptist Unions
A few weeks ago, I was privileged to sit in the meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Baptist Federation at Stockholm, Sweden. The Com-

mittee represents the 22 cooperating Baptist Unions of Britain and The Continent. Gravelly the secretary, Dr. Henry Cook, announced, "Brethren, our Federation is in virtual

bankruptcy. We do not have enough money in hand to pay expenses of this meeting." The announcement produced no shock—this condition, I learned, had been chronic throughout the ten years of the Federation's existence. Almost without operating funds, a brave band of men and women had miraculously within a decade brought a measure of unity to the scattered and disunited Baptist bodies of Europe, the climax coming in the recent Berlin Congress attended by nearly 6,000 messengers. Now the time had come for a great new development.

Dr. Eric Ruden, able and beloved secretary of the Swedish Baptist Union, announced his acceptance of the secretaryship (Continued on Page 2)

The Baptist Review

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Published Weekly Since 1877

JACKSON, MISS., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1958

I, Number 48

227-9TH AVE N
NASHVILLE 3 TENN
COMP WCF

Midwest Seminary Builds

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) —Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has awarded a contract for \$801,000 for construction of four buildings on its campus.

Seminary President Millard J. Berquist said that the contract was awarded to Swenson Construction Co. of Kansas City. Construction was to start following ground-breaking ceremonies Nov. 30 and the four buildings are to be ready for use next September.

Buildings for which contracts were let included an administration building, a library, a chapel, and one housing six classrooms and faculty offices.

Capital needs allocations from the Southern Baptist Convention for the years 1959 and 1960 are to be used in payment.

Berquist said the buildings will be of "conservative contemporary design" and of stone construction. Hedrick and Stanley of Fort Worth are architects.

Mayor H. Roe Bartle of Kansas City and Southern Baptist Convention leaders were to be special guests at the ground-breaking.

In First Year
The new Southern Baptist Convention seminary is in its first year of operation. It is using buildings of Calvary Baptist Church here for its current session, for which a capacity 150 students are enrolled.

Berquist reported that if construction follows the hoped-for schedule, the seminary can have its classes on its 99-acre campus in the Kansas City North area during 1959-60 academic year.

King, Queen In Payne Audience

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — (BWA) — The king and queen of Denmark were in a crowded congregation that heard Dr. Ernest A. Payne, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, preach at Copenhagen Cathedral in connection with his meeting of the World Council of Churches at Nyborg, Denmark.

"We who are here this evening," Mr. Payne began, "represent many races, many lands, many ecclesiastical traditions. What unites us is our confession of the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, our desire to be known before men as Christians; and our concern that the unity of Christ's church be made more clearly manifest in the world."



UNDER CONSTRUCTION—This is the architect's conception of the new administration building at Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. The building, together with three others, is under construction there. These first four buildings for the new seminary were included in an \$801,000 contract let by seminary trustees recently. They are expected to be ready to occupy next September.—Baptist Press.

BWA Med Team Proposes World-Wide Health Ministry

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BWA) —A vast pool of medical skill "operating under the banner of the cross" was envisioned here as a result of last summer's Baptist World Alliance medical mission.

Possible projects for the future were outlined by members of the medical team of six doctors and nine associates which traveled three months in Asia and Africa "surveying medical needs and the resources to meet those needs." The team was gathered in Washington for three days of discussion and reporting.

Dr. Robert A. Higson of Cleveland reported that the team found "the world sicker than we thought." But he pointed to Jesus as "a great Asian physician of some 2000 years ago, whose prescription for a sick world was that we love our neighbors as ourselves."

He saw an immediate need for an "action committee" or some similar organization to correlate the team's findings and bring the world's health needs and available resources together.

The round-the-world medical mission had been arranged by the Baptist World Alliance under the direction of Robert S. Denny, associate secretary, and was financed largely by the Jarman Foundation of Nashville, Tenn.

Cites Demonstration
Mr. Denny cited the project as one of the finest demonstrations of Christian cooperation I have ever seen." The doctors had made the trip at a personal financial sacrifice of three months' loss of practice.

Dr. Eugene H. Dibble of Tuskegee, Ala., said that the trip revealed public health, education and social security as the world's greatest physical and

material needs, and then declared that "except for a lack of moral stability, these people would be taken care of around the world as we already have succeeded in doing in America."

"The only thing that will change the moral fibre of the world," he declared, "is the Christian religion."

Dr. Blanchard Antes of Canton, Ohio, reported he was impressed by the "potentiality of Christian evangelism, and all

that it means wherever it is practiced." Dr. Gabe Payne of Hopkinsville, Ky., said he was convinced of the reality of the scripture, "The truth shall make you free." "Wherever the truth of Christianity has gone," he said, "it has set men free from the superstition that bound them."

Dr. Charles Black of Shreveport, La., and Dr. John Cleland of Oregon City, Ore., voiced high praise for missionaries they met.

Mission Rallies Set For Each Association

Baptist World Missions Rallies will be held in each association in the state in connection with the annual World Mission Conferences which are planned for the last two weeks of January, 1959.

Teams of pastors and denominational leaders will visit each association and bring special messages on world missions, Baptist jubilee Advance and the 1959 evangelistic crusade.

The Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union are joining hands with the pastors in promoting these meetings with the purpose that they may have the largest attendance of any meetings ever held in the associations.

Places Named
Places and the exact dates of the meetings will be announced within the next few days, but all meetings will be during the two week period, January 19-30. Nineteen teams of three

members each have been organized to serve as speakers in the meetings.

The mission rallies will be the evening session of each conference. There will also be an afternoon meeting for pastors and evangelism leaders for final discussion of plans for the 1959 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade.

LR School To Continue

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (RNS)—Baptist High School here will continue in operation until public high schools are reopened under normal conditions, the Arkansas Baptist Convention was told.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president of Ouachita College, which operates the high school for 370 students in the education buildings of the First and Second Baptist churches, said the school was not intended as "an involvement" in the Little Rock school integration situation.

He stressed that it was not in any way the school's purpose to defy federal court orders or to supplant tax-supported schools, but only to provide an education for children entitled to it.

Procedures Set For Church-State Issues

By C. EMANUEL CARLSON
Director Baptist Joint Committee On Public Affairs
Washington, D. C.

An important progress report on church-state policies, prepared by a special committee of 25, has been approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

There are at least six facets that have given shape to our Baptist concept in this matter. These are not explored by the Committee's report but are in the background. In discussing the issues we must keep these fully in view.

1. Separation means that the church has its own "reasons for being" and that these reasons are distinct from those of the state. Both church and state may desire law and order, defense against foreign enemies,

Parkway Sets SBC Record

Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, requested more study course awards than any other church in the Southern Baptist Convention during 1957-58 according to statistics recently released by the Awards Office of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board.

Forty-two churches were listed as having requested 350 or more awards during the year and Parkway led the list with 670 awards. This figure was compared in the listing to 436 requested by Parkway during the previous year.

The only other church from Mississippi to make this select group was Calvary Church, Jackson, requesting 459 awards. Calvary was 13th in the listing of the top churches.

8 Associations Listed

Of the group of 200 leading associations in study course work in the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi listed eight. A minimum of 1,000 awards was necessary to make this group. These eight associations with their order in the total listing and the number of awards requested are as follows: 13, Hinds, 5,020; 64, Jones, 2,035; 90, Lauderdale, 1,620; 106, Rankin, 1,508; 114, Lebanon, 1,446; 142, Gulf Coast, 1,263; 149, Pike, 1,214; 185, Lincoln, 1,051.

an orderly and just economy, the protection of the person etc., but these are basically functions of the state and not of the churches.

2. Separation also means that each has its own "public." A person is born into the state, and the political community therefore normally includes all the people. Not all, however, accept the gospel, cultivate Christian faith, or seek to nurture the distinctive Christian way of life. The two "publics" overlap, and the churches should strive to win all. Nonetheless, the two publics are and must be "separate." If the church is a fellowship of faith it must of necessity be a voluntary group.

3. Furthermore, the methods of the church must be distinct from those of the state. Military action, police methods, and tax powers are all appropriate and usable toward the objectives of the state. These do not work as means by which to reach spiritual objectives.

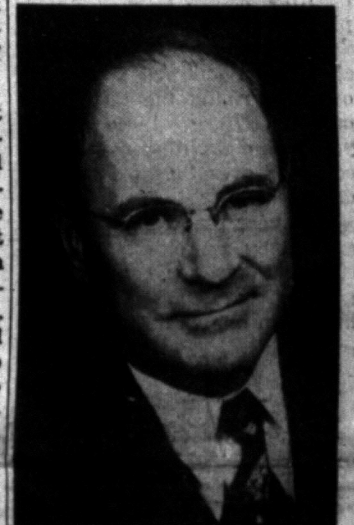
4. Separation in the above matters requires that there be separate administrations of the two institutions. The church cannot be a "department of ecclesiastical affairs" in the government, and the government cannot be the "action department" of the church.

5. It follows that the two must have their own separate sources of revenue. The control of the purse represents final control of policy in the life of institutions. Accordingly, institutions that depend on tax funds are basically dependent on government regardless of how the Boards may be chosen.

6. If the above distinctions are valid, it also follows that church and state must each have their own appropriate educational programs. The churches cannot delegate the education of their members and of their leaders to the state. Neither is it in order for the churches to attempt to monopolize the channels of knowledge so as to limit the political and economic order to scope of the church programs. The former arrangement has always paralyzed the church and the latter arrangement has stagnated the state.

The importance of these broad principles is not difficult to see. The problems arise when we try to show what they mean in practice. Such practical issues as government loans to sectarian dormitories and hospitals, government grants to religiously sponsored medical research, and government aid to the dependent people who are cared for by denominational agencies.

(Continued on Page 2)



Dr. Sam Scantlan

Mission Clinic Ready

A statewide Clinic for Associational Missionaries, Moderators and Clerks will be held at First Church, Jackson, Dec. 8-9. It has been announced by Rev. Gordon Sansing, state superintendent of Cooperative Missions.

Visiting speakers will include Dr. Sam Scantlan, Superintendent of Rural and City Missions, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; Dr. Floyd Chaffin, associate secretary, SBC Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas; J. P. Edwards, secretary, Research and Statistics Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Dr. Lewis W. Martin, secretary, Department of Missionary Education, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

One hundred have registered already with the state secretary of Cooperative Missions. Others who wish to attend are urged to contact his office and register so that accommodations for Monday night can be made.

Dr. Martin will hold a session on Tuesday morning with the 1959 Schools of Missions directors and those participating in the promotion of the Schools of Missions program for 1959.

Graham to Speak at Rio, '60

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BWA)—Evangelist Billy Graham will address the tenth Baptist World Congress meeting at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26 - July 3, 1960.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, told the B. W. A. administrative committee at a meeting here that Mr. Graham, a Baptist, plans to attend the eight-day international meeting as one of the estimated 8,000 delegates from 100 countries around the world.



SECRETARIES MEET—State executive secretaries from 21 states met with Home Mission Board staff, Nov. 25, in Atlanta, to study ways of implementing the recommendation of the Survey Committee by working co-operatively to develop a unified mission program. They are pictured here with Dr. Courts

Redford, executive secretary, Home Board, and G. Frank Garrison, assistant executive secretary. Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Mississippi executive secretary, is fourth from end on right.



BMC STUDENTS NAMED—These Blue Mountain College students have just been selected for listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for the 1958-59 session. They are, seated, left to right: Gwenice Parker, Laurel; Gloria Lupo, Magnolia; Barbara White, Jackson, Tenn.; and Jo Beth Landrum, Laurel. Standing, left, Mary Alice Hearn, Nashville, Tenn.; and Monta Faye Moore, Memphis. This selection is the highest honor given American college students.

Main St. Pledges \$197,688

Sunday night, Nov. 23 James R. Halbert, Budget Day Director, of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, announced that \$197,688.36 had been pledged toward the 1959 budget. This is over \$600 above the budget adopted by the church of \$197,045.20. The budget was pledged by 1,734 people, 1,055 of whom pledged to tithe.

For the past eleven years the church has followed a plan of over-subscribing the budget in one day. During these eleven years the church has never failed to go over the goal in one day.

This year the budget was increased by approximately \$50,000, or thirty per cent, and a goal of "over-subscribing the budget in one week" was adopted.

ted.

30% Mission Increase

The approximately \$50,000 increase in the budget was largely contained in two different items. There was about a thirty per cent increase in gifts to missionary causes, and \$35,000 for the new building fund.

On November 16 a master pledging service was conducted in the church auditorium during the Sunday School hour. During the week the men of the church visited homes of those who failed to get their pledge cards in on November 16.

One of the high points of the preparation for Pledge Day was the Church Loyalty Dinner on Thursday night, November 13. At that time 635 members of the church and their families,

nine years of age and above, assembled at the Mississippi Southern College cafeteria for a fellowship dinner.

In addition to these, ninety were present for the Children's Party at the church, making a grand total of 725 taking part in the evening's activities.

Many hundreds of the members of the church took an active part in promoting the budget activities. "We wish to express our appreciation to each one who did so much to make the oversubscribing of our budget the success that it was," said Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor.



Rev. J. L. Garrett

Temple, Petal Pastor Takes Biloxi Position

Rev. Justus L. Garrett, pastor Temple church, Petal, accepted the call to the Emmanuel Church, Biloxi. His first Sunday in his new pulpit will be December 7.

Among the accomplishments during the 31 months pastorate at Petal have been:

Instituting a church budget and using individual envelopes for giving; grading the Sunday school; building a parsonage at a cost of \$13,200; the purchase of an organ; 224 additions—158 by letter and 66 on profession of faith; increase in Sunday school enrollment from 165 to 364; average attendance from 104 to 225; Training Union enrollment from 65 to 150; attendance from 56 to 110; average gifts from \$199 to \$304; and church membership from 259 to 402.

Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, president of Blue Mt. College, is pictured in the Jan., Feb., Mar., 1951 issue of The Quarterly Review.

Youth Festival To Be Held February 7

The first State-wide Youth Choir Festival, ages 13-24, will be held at Mississippi College February 7, 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Dr. Euell Porter of the Baylor University music faculty

will be guests conductor, according to W. C. Morgan, state music director.

The music to be used in this festival may be purchased through the Baptist Book Store or directly from the publisher.

The music is as follows:

"Guide Us Through the Night," Arr. by Williams, No. 5115; Pub. by Neil Kjos Music Co., Chicago, Illinois.

"The Love of God," Arr. by James, No. 6705; Pub. by Carl Fischer, New York, N. Y.

"Sanctus," Arr. by Norden, No. 84356, Pub. by Harold Flammer, New York, N. Y.

Voice of Singing

"To God Be the Glory," Arr. by Leon F. Brown; Pub. by New Choral Music Co., Denton, Texas.

"With a Voice of Singing," Arr. by Shaw, No. 8103, Pub.

Procedures - - -

(Continued from Page 1)

In the face of these problems the North Carolina Committee recommended a procedure instead of a position.

Requires Agencies

"I. The Convention shall require its agencies and institutions to present any programs for government grants or any form of government aid not already authorized in kind by Convention action to the General Board of the Convention for review before agreements are made;

"II. Acceptance of such grants or aid shall be based upon approval of both Trustees of the institution or agency involved and the General Board.

"III. All institutions or agencies operating in cooperation with government as above shall report annually upon such operations to the General Board."

For guidance in this procedure three principles were proposed:

"1. There shall be no element of control by the other, either actual or implied.

"2. The Convention will enter no cooperative enterprise with government for the sole purpose of advancing its own interest.

"3. The Convention and/or its institutions and agencies may accept assistance from government only in such cases as will enable it or them to render services commensurate with that assistance."

North Carolina has probably not found the formula that answers the vexing questions how to practice religious liberty in a "welfare state." Nevertheless, they have contributed valuable materials for our denomination-wide discussion.

Remember - - -

(Continued from Page 1)

of the European office of the Baptist World Alliance, a position held ad interim by Dr. Cook of London since the retirement of Dr. C. O. Lewis, due to ill health. Dr. Ruden at the same time becomes secretary of the European Federation, his service of both bodies to become effective in October, 1959. What program for European Baptists should now be projected?

Bold Proposal

First came the bold proposal of a Cooperative Program, with a comprehensive unified budget to be submitted to the 22 Unions and administered on their behalf by the Executive Committee for missionary and benevolent causes. The old budget called for \$1500 for expenses of the Committee. The new proposed budget calls for \$20,000! Major items are foreign missions and aid to distressed Baptist groups in the Eastern ("iron curtain") zone and to special projects such as the Memorial Church in Amsterdam, the Bible school in Poland, the Youth Center in Austria, and the promotion of evangelism and Christian education throughout Europe.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of this forward program is the proposal of a unified plan of Bible study and membership training. A subcommittee was appointed, of which I am a consultant member, to draft a plan of uniform lessons for European Baptists churches and to develop appropriate and attractive Baptist literature in the several languages represented. A good beginning has already been

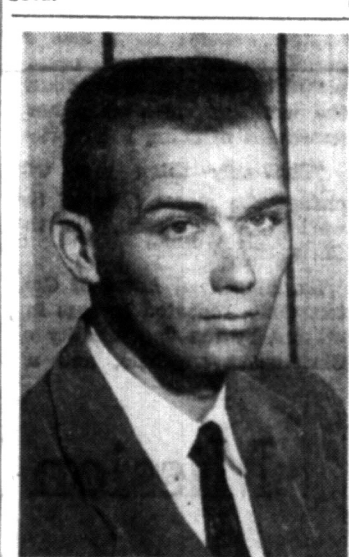


Dr. Euell Porter

by G. Schirmer, Inc. New York, N. Y.

"O Ye That Loveth the Lord," Arr. by Morgan, No. 1637, Pub. by Hall and McCreary Music Publishers, Park at 6th, Minneapolis, 15, Minnesota.

sota.



GRIFFITH STAFFERS—Jerry Rogers (left) who has received his B. A., B. D. and Master of Education degrees is the associate pastor of Griffith Church, Jackson, while Miss D'Alce Ledingham (right), is church secretary. Dr. Kermit Canterbury is pastor and Miss Delores Holmes is Youth Director.

made. Obviously the small Baptist bodies must have help at first, but cooperatively, and with some aid from Southern and American Conventions, essential printed materials for pupils and teachers can be produced. According to the outlines suggested, Sunday Schools will include young people and adults and not just children as heretofore.

Many Difficulties

One has to live with these Baptist brethren of Europe to realize how enormous are their difficulties and how heroic is their faith as they face the new day of need and opportunity. My six months on the Continent have brought the deep conviction that as go Baptists, so may go Europe; and as goes Europe, so may go the world—toward destruction beyond all imagination or toward peace and progress beyond our dreams.

My memory goes back to the early years of my ministry—now fifty years ago—and my historical memory to our Southern Baptist beginnings 100 years ago. European Baptists are in many ways retracing our history as they struggle for recognition and unity. May we not fail to pray for them and help them as they enter this new era and as we remember what God has done for us!

Circulation

This Week 88,718
Loss 50

Baptist Briefs

BEMBE, Angola — (BWA)—The native church at Bembe reported 124 baptisms last year, the largest number in a decade. After the coffee harvest last September, the Sunday school was reorganized and its enrollment boosted to a total of 441.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — (BP)—Wake Forest College here has been awarded a \$58,800 grant from the National Science Foundation to conduct an institute for high school teachers of science and mathematics next summer.

BIRMINGHAM — (BP)—Alabama Baptists said here that "religious freedom for all citizens . . . could be jeopardized by the election of an individual as President of the United States whose religion teaches him his church should be supported by the state and be above the state."

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. Frank Tripp, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital Board, and formerly director of the SMC Hundred Thousand Club, plans to retire June 1 of 1959 and live in Montgomery, Ala., a former home.

WASHINGTON — Dr. Duke K. McCall of Louisville, Ky., was reelected for the fourth term as President of the National Temperance League at its biennial meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, November 12, 1958. The National Temperance League has 42 interchurch state affiliates throughout America.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB)—Miss Doris Cutter, of Alexandria, La., has been named assistant editor of the Adult Lesson Courses in the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS)—Among hundreds of telegrams received by Evangelist Billy Graham congratulating him on his 40th birthday was one from the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptist) in Moscow which surprised him.

DURHAM, N. C. — (AP)—Dr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, has announced he will retire next June 30. He has held that office since 1932.

OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has girded itself for an expected battle with the liquor interests, who are seeking to repeal the state's prohibition laws.

GLORIETA, N. M. (BSSB)—E. A. Herron, manager of Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, is the subject of an article, "E. A. Herron, Dedicated Layman," in the Santa Fe Scene, (New Mexico) a magazine of weekly news and features.

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has two new denominational workers, one (Lewis G. Stone) in its child care department and the other (Marcellus Williams) in its work with Indian Baptists in the state.

PEORIA, Ill. — Spry 88-year old Mrs. Elizabeth Vinz, a member of the State Park Baptist church, Peoria, for 75 years, has outlived three church buildings and recently helped break ground for the fourth. Mrs. Vinz went to Sunday school at the original church site, a little wooden building.

CULPEPPER, Va. — Mrs. J. Thomas Norman, who began playing an organ in church at the age of 12, scheduled a piano recital at Stevensburg Baptist church, Culpepper, recently to celebrate her 90th birthday. She is a substitute Sunday school pianist.

BIRMINGHAM — (BP)—Alabama Baptist State Convention elected B. Locke Davis, pastor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala., president. He succeeds Harold W. Seever of Mobile. It celebrated the 150th anniversary of Baptist work in Alabama at its recent annual session here.



Rev. John Couch

New Missionaries To Visit Tupelo Before Sailing

Members of First Church, Tupelo are anticipating a visit by Rev. and Mrs. John R. Couch and their daughter Ruth on Sunday, December 7. Rev. and Mrs. Couch have recently been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve as missionaries to Jordan.

Rev. Couch grew up in Tupelo. He was baptized as a teenager into the First Baptist Church by the late Rev. H. R. Holcomb.

Mrs. Couch is the former Joan Brooks of Tennessee.

The couple's visit coincides with the beginning of the church's campaign to raise a worthy sum for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Rev. Couch plans to sail from New York on December 11.

Couch will preach for the morning service on Dec. 7. Testimonies of their call to their work will be given at the evening service by both the new missionaries, followed by presenting of gifts and expressions of appreciation by members of the church.

Rev. Joseph N. Causey is pastor of First Church, Tupelo.

Why Not Let The Preacher Preach

By John W. Drakeford
(Professor of Psychology and Counseling Southwestern Seminary)

The term "preacher" is probably used more freely amongst Southern Baptists than among other denominations. Even among Baptists in other parts of the world the term "minister" or "pastor" is preferred. Southern Baptists' usage of this term shows their important emphasis on preaching. The mental picture created is that of the preacher standing up before the congregation to make his positive affirmation of "Thus saith the Lord." This is good, but there is a grave danger that we will see the work of all leaders in religious work in terms of this mental image and fail to recognize other very important aspects of leadership and teaching in vocational religious work.

Difference Seen

Sunday School teacher, let the preacher preach! There is a difference between preaching and teaching. A systematic teaching ministry is meant to supplement the inspirational utterance of the preacher. However, the subtle temptation is always with the teacher to think of himself as a preacher with his class as his congregation. Thus class members become mere listeners rather than active participants in the learning situation, and a class member with a contribution that he would just love to make, secretly speculates as to what might happen if the Sunday school

teacher left the preaching to the preacher.

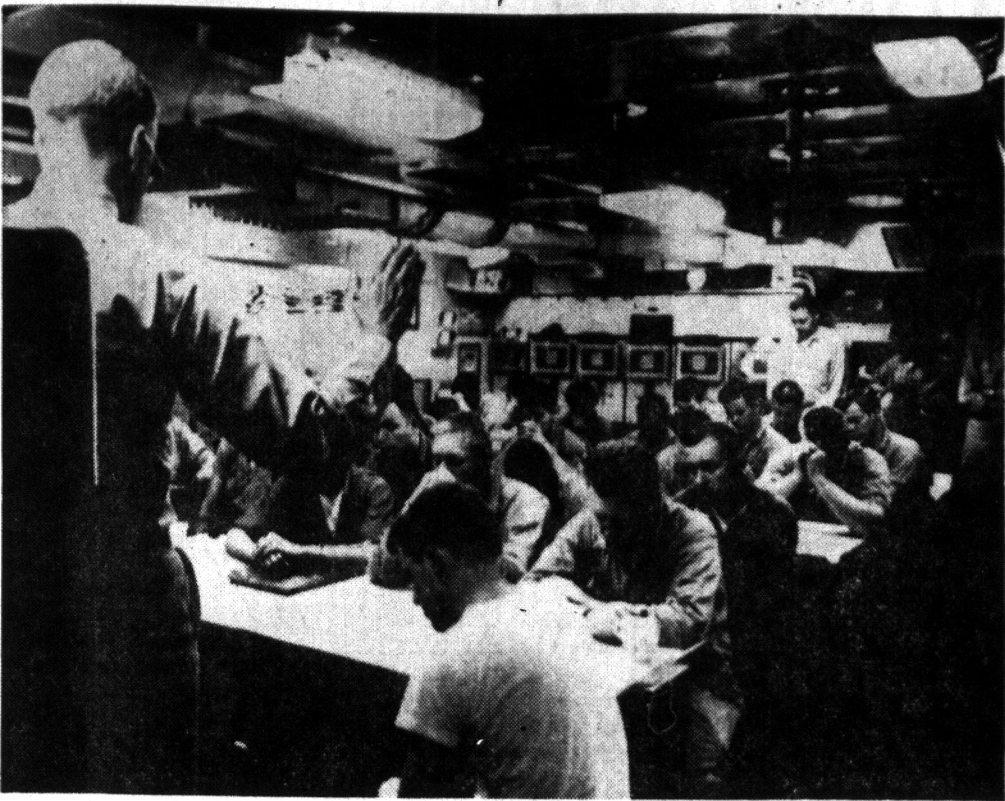
Music director, let the preacher preach! The minister of music can help so much in the spirit of a church service as he leads the music. But it is very easy for him to forget his main task of leading the singing and to become a preacher. Some ministers of music seem to consider it incumbent upon them to exhort the congregation periodically, to discourse at length upon what this hymn reminds them of, or to demand that people in the congregation should, "Look like the music." Many a long-suffering congregation smiles wanly and wishes that the music director would let the preacher do the preaching.

Is Important

Pastor, let the preacher preach! Preaching is an important part of the pastor's total ministry but there are other parts. There is a new and growing interest in the counseling work of the pastor. Such a ministry is not always easy. From being forthright and dogmatic in the pulpit, the successful pastor has to become understanding, permissive and receptive in his manner. Above all, he must be willing to listen, and preachers are notoriously bad listeners. Yet in this very ministry of listening we are putting our emphasis back on the worth of the individual and fulfilling an important part of our ministry. Pastor, let the preacher preach.



PRIMARY BOYS—Primary boys at the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson stand in front of their home, the Memorial Building. House mothers are Mrs. Idell McNair at left and Mrs. Clara Taylor at right.



CREW OF ATOMIC SUBMARINE PRAYS UNDERSEA—WASHINGTON, D. C.—Crew members of the U. S. Navy's Nautilus, submerged deep under the Arctic ice, bow their heads in prayer. Shown leading the service on the first atomic submarine is Chaplain (Lt.) Elwin N. Sire of Groton, Conn. — (RNS Photo)



Rev. E. R. Quattlebaum

Lucien Pastor Accepts Call To Terry

Rev. Edwin R. Quattlebaum, pastor at Lucien since September, 1956, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Terry Church.

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Rev. Quattlebaum received the B. A. degree from Furman University and the B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary, where he is now a candidate for the Th. D. degree.

Reared in Chester, S. C., he is married to the former Betty Jean Wiggs of Greenville, S. C., a Furman graduate. The couple have two children, Edwin, Jr., 11, and Ruth, 5.

Mr. Quattlebaum surrendered to full-time Christian work at State W. M. U. Camp during R. A. Week in 1944 and began his pastoral work in Clarke County, Alabama, in 1949. Since becoming pastor at Lucien, the church there has paid off the debt on the pastorage, improved the church grounds, and doubled the mission gifts.

Mr. Quattlebaum, who has served as president of the associational pastors' conference and as the Franklin Association's representative on the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, will move to Terry on December 11.

1959 Crusade Ready

DALLAS — (BP) — "A large portion of 51 million non-Christian American citizens will hear about the Saviour in 1959, if Southern Baptists do their part in the Baptist simultaneous crusade," said Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, department of evangelism director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Surveys taken by several state conventions indicate that approximately 90 per cent (or 27,000) of the Southern Baptist churches will participate in the year of revivals.

"The North American crusade," Sanderson said, "has now become an international year of evangelism. Baptist churches in South America will conduct prayer services during the North American periods of revival in March and April. These same churches will schedule simultaneous crusades during their Spring of the year in October and November.

38 Nations To Pray
"The spirit of revival has attracted the attention of Southern Baptist missions stations. Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, has said that special prayers for the North American crusade will be held in 38 nations where missionaries are stationed."

In summarizing Southern Baptist participation in the crusade, the SBC evangelism director said that the next important date is Dec. 31, 1958, date of the New Year's Eve prayer service.

On Jan. 4, the Sunday following the prayer observance, an estimated three million Southern Baptists will personally sign soul-winning commitment cards.

The Southern Baptist Convention is one of six North American Baptist groups participating in the 1959 crusade. The 51 million figure is the number of people past 12 years of age who are not members of churches.

Elected At Clarke
Dennis Hale and Elaine Freeman were elected Mr. and Miss Clarke Memorial College in a recent election held on the campus. Dennis is a sophomore from Pepperell, Alabama and Elaine is a sophomore from Natchez.

They will be featured in the 1959 edition of the college annual, "The Seer."

Deerbrook To Construct New Building
The Deerbrook Church, Noxubee Association, approved a building plan presented on November 19 by the following members of the Building Committee: J. D. Pugh, William Von Kanel, O. H. Butler, Simeon Guist, Ray Perkins, and Harvey Haggard.

The church hopes to begin construction right away. They have purchased a building at the Columbus Air Base which has enough material to add six large Sunday School rooms, facilities for two restrooms, and a small kitchen.

Rev. R. D. Pearson of Macon is interim pastor.

German-English Speaking Church Planned In Zurich

By John Allen Moore
At a meeting of 49 interested Baptists in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland on Nov. 23 first steps were taken toward the organization of a bi-lingual church "in relationship with the Baptist Church of Zurich."

It was voted that the new church should be formally constituted on January 11, 1959, the first Sunday in the new semester of the Ruschlikon seminary. The group includes seminary faculty and staff members, students, and several Swiss Baptists living in the community.

Beginning immediately upon the constitution of the church on January 1, services are to be held each Sunday once in English and once in German, all services being translated through a simultaneous translation system into the other language. Sunday school classes for all ages will probably be provided in both languages.

Midweek services and business meetings will be in English or German, with translation.

The religious activities committee of the Ruschlikon seminary faculty, which had been working on the project for several months, completed its activities in regard to the church at the November 23 meeting. Members of the new "Ruschlikon Baptist Church in process of formation" elected a "Church Planning and Pulpit committee" to lead it in plans to complete the organization and to look for a pastor.

Dr. J. D. Hughes is chairman of the Pulpit and Planning committee. Other members are Mr. Pedar Eidberg, Dr. Claus Meister, Mrs. J. A. Moore, and Mr. Eduard Wunderli.

The church will be an autonomous body, but it will for a time maintain a splendid relationship with the Zurich church. It is suggested that a deacon of the new congregation might meet regularly with the board of the Zurich church in order to keep them informed of activities in the Ruschlikon church.

It is anticipated that the new church will use the facilities of the seminary chapel after this building is completed, probably in March, 1959.

Carey Has Lottie Moon Emphasis
"And yet abideth... Hope was the theme of the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Emphasis which was launched at Carey College Monday morning during the chapel period. The student body set a goal of \$1500, an increase of 50% over last year.

Jewel Hannah, YWA Counselor, presided at the chapel service. Ron Stewart, Guilford led the congregational singing. Janjai Chayavadhanankur, Thailand, and Carolyn Naylor, Philippine Islands, both in native dress, spoke briefly on what the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering had done in their countries.

Ennice Clayton, Main Street Baptist Church and former Carey student, sketched the life of Lottie Moon.

Montrose Church Goes Forward
In a regular business meeting, the Montrose Church voted to go full-time for the remainder of the church year and to begin plans for a pastor's home.

The church has adopted a budget of approximately \$3,440.00, according to Rev. J. K. Sharp, pastor.

Fields To Speak At Franklin 'M' Night Meeting
Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of the Baptist Record, will be the principal speaker for "M" Night service to be held in Franklin Association Saturday night, Dec. 6.

A. D. Whitehead, associational director, will present a preview of the coming year's work at the meeting, to begin at 7 o'clock.

Rev. Billy T. Cooper is superintendent of missions.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — (BP)
Arkansas Baptist Hospital here has been authorized to negotiate with the City of North Little Rock if city officials there offer to lease it a hospital.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA)
A Commission on World Peace was authorized by the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee at its Fall meeting here November 25.



DRIFTER—Itinerant worker, Dave Wander, begins to realize he must face his secret fear or lose his wife, Marie, who tries to offer him courage in the assurance of the Gospel. Scene is a high point in "Tumbleweed Man", a moving episode in the dramatic series "This Is The Answer", produced by the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission.



FURLOUGH—Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Cross are in the states on furlough following four years of service as missionaries in Manila, Philippine Islands. Mr. Cross' home is in the Fellowship community near Hickory. At present he and Mrs. Cross and their daughter Betty, four, and son Meech, one, are residing near her home at 1012 Cambridge Oval, Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas.

Names In The News

Curt McMillan was ordained a deacon on November 23 by the Buckatunna Church (Wayne Association). The church ordained three deacons this past February.

Mrs. Lawrence Bankston has been engaged as temporary church secretary at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor.

Rev. Henry Martin, missionary to Nigeria, was the featured speaker at both services on Sunday, November 30, at Herando Church, Rev. Charles Skutt, pastor.

Paul David Hancock is the newly arrived son of Paul Hancock, Minister of Music at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson.

R. Paul Green will direct the Southwestern Singers in concert at First Church, Columbus, on Monday, December 8.

James DuBose, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. DuBose of Jackson, and pastor of New-haven Church, Terry, will be ordained at Northside Church, Jackson, at the evening service on December 7. He is a student at Mississippi College.

Trouble Found By Baptists In The Naga Hills

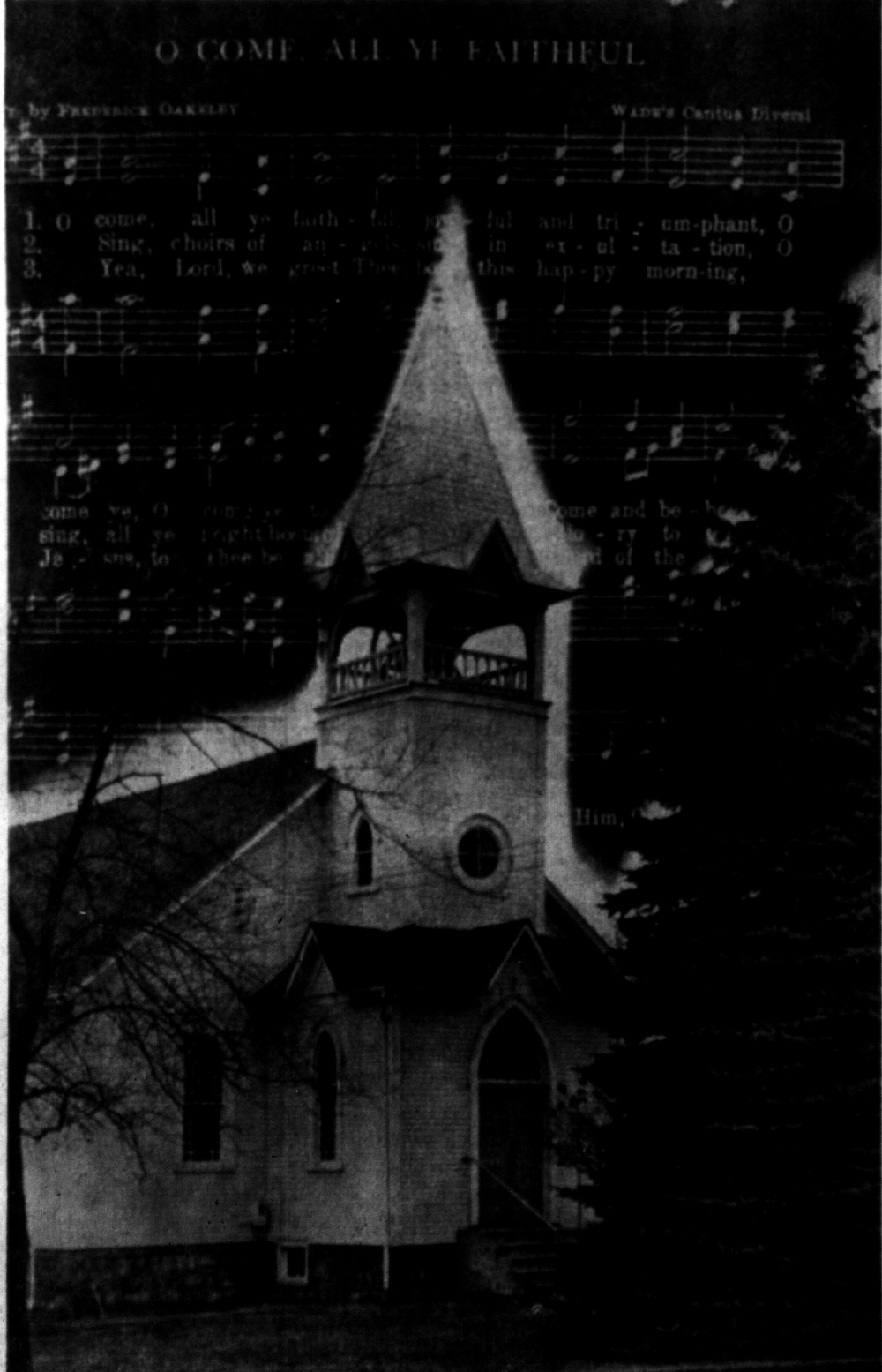
NAGA HILLS, India—(BWA)
Baptists in the Naga Hills in the extreme northeast of India, bordered by both China and Burma, are reported to be passing through a period of severe suffering and persons as well as property are involved.

The territory is inhabited by sturdy tribes of animists, but American Baptist missionaries worked with notable success for many years. The denomination has been estimated to include some 50,000 persons.

The British administration left Naga Hills in 1947, and more recently the Indian government sent troops into the area to quell a strong separatist movement.

Official spokesmen have alleged that the movement was "the creation of a handful of educated Christians," and a few years ago certain of the missionaries were ordered to leave and others have not received permission to enter the territory, with the result that there are now no foreign missionaries there.

Contract with the Christians is now difficult and the situation confused.



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS—"Let the nations be glad and sing for joy." (Ps. 67:4 RSV).

The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind in Mississippi

W. C. FIELDS, Editor

Page 4

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1958

Passing This Way But Once

Governor J. P. Coleman keeps on his desk Mark Twain's statement: "Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry."

Our Interest In Foreign Missions

We Mississippians are interested in missionary work in other lands.

Since the establishment of the Foreign Mission Board in 1845 a total of 122 Mississippians have served as missionaries abroad. Among many other reasons, we have an interest in missions because of these people.

There are several hundred young people scattered throughout the state at this time who have surrendered their lives for vocational Christian service. Some of them will eventually go to other shores to invest their lives.

We are interested in missions because of personal bonds.

We are staunch supporters of foreign missions because Woman's Missionary Union has kept the cause before us for many years.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions deserves the personal attention of every Baptist in every church.

The Mississippi goal is \$323,256, an eleven percent increase over the gifts of last year.

While doing some effective preaching in the state this week in the interest of missions, Dr. Eugene Hill of the Foreign Mission Board indicated the importance of this annual offering to the work of missions. Since the offering began as a yearly feature in 1888 it has brought in approximately \$45,000,000 for mission work abroad.

The WMU Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, in progress this week, is a reminder to the men in the churches as well as the women that the business of missions is the business of every Christian.

Of Principalities And Powers

Speaking to the Jackson Rotary Club this week U. S. Senator John C. Stennis gave some of the significant things he observed during a recent trip through Iron Curtain countries.

He delivered a timely warning to the American people, stressing the strategic importance of moral force and spiritual power in this struggle for the minds of men.

"Our security," he pointed out, "must be built on a real strength of our own, rather than on imaginary weaknesses of the enemy."

On The December Agenda

Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, former secretary of the American Bible Society, is the author of an arresting little article that suggests: do your Christmas thinking early.

As an aid to that very project—sorting out and arranging the values surrounding Christmas—the Society is sponsoring a world-wide Bible reading campaign from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

In the middle of this emphasis, now in its fifteenth year, the Society urges the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 14.

As enthusiastic supporters of the work of the American Bible Society, Mississippi Baptists commend the great work which this non-denominational organization continues to do.

Regarding that early Christmas thinking, Dr. Stifler says, "The opportunities of Christmas are limitless, if you approach them in the spirit of Christ, God's great gift, and leave time to give your plans plenty of thought."

Capable Advisors

Henry Harris, editor and publisher of the West Point Daily Times-Leader, was re-elected by the recent state convention as chairman of The Baptist Record Advisory Committee.

In expressing appreciation for his helpfulness in this advisory capacity we would like also to indicate something of his worth to the entire cause of Christ. This dedicated and articulate layman has just been elected a director of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. In addition he is the president of the Mississippi Press Association.

We feel fortunate in having for the year ahead the assistance of four other capable men who were elected to membership on the Advisory Committee.

Purser Hewitt, executive editor of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger, has been a tremendous influence for good in Mississippi for years. He is a deacon and former president of the Mississippi Convention.

Three fine pastors, known and respected in state Baptist life, complete this important committee. They are, Rev. B. T. Bishop of Meadville, Dr. R. A. Tullos of Vicksburg, and Rev. Sam Waggener of Petal.

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

A FAULT WHICH humbles a man is of more use to him than a virtue which puffs him up.

THE ONLY THING we can remember about the speed of light is the fact that it gets here too soon in the morning. — Wall Street Journal.

A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE speaks volumes — A cookbook, a checkbook and a prayer book. — Adrian Anderson.

TO SEE WHAT IS RIGHT and not to do it, is want of courage. — Confucius.

GOVERNMENT BUREAU: Where the taxpayer's shirt is kept. — Herb Stein.

THE BIBLE is the spiritual mainstay of the defense of America. — Walter M. Brucker.



An Unchanging Lord for a Changing World

19TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS PREACHER WHO USES NOTES UNPOPULAR WITH BAPTISTS

CHARLESTON, S. C., February, 1897 — (BP) — The Baptist preacher who can't stand up in a pulpit and deliver a sermon without notes wins little more respect from his congregation today than a marksman who can't fire a rifle without a rest. As for the pastor who writes out his sermons and reads them, he is about as popular with Baptists as a leader of the state church. A preacher who is no more "apt to teach" than that, many Baptists agree, may have misunderstood his calling.

Few Baptist pastors would attempt to read a sermon today, although the practice is common in other denominations. When a Baptist preacher does read, it usually is a special occasion or a message of particular significance. He sometimes gives a careful explanation of his action before reading.

Without Notes!

Most leading Baptist preachers speak without any notes. Richard Furman, for example,

seldom uses notes when he preaches from his pulpit here in Charleston.

Baptists who do use notes in the pulpit sometimes attempt to cover up their props. This bit of subterfuge may lead to embarrassment, however. If the preacher's notes become covered up or fall to the floor during his sermon, he is likely to have difficulty in bringing the service to a satisfactory conclusion.

Some observers have noted dangers in an over-emphasis on extemporaneous speaking however. Preachers who make little preparation before entering the pulpit, for example, frequently have nothing fresh to say. As a result their sermons follow the same lines Sunday after Sunday.

This changing attitude toward the impromptu speaker may indicate a trend to more careful preparation of sermons and a more liberal attitude by Baptists with reference to written messages and the use of notes in the pulpit.

Hardened Sinner Meets The Savior

C. Wade Freeman
Secretary, Department of Evangelism
Baptist General Convention of Texas

At 2:30 a. m. Pastor Tom Brandon answered his phone and a calm woman's voice said, "J. C. wants to see you."

Members of Fort Worth's Wichita Street Baptist Church had been praying for J. C. for more than three years. On Wednesday night of a revival, he was in the service but no decisions were made for Christ. However, at the close of the service the church pastor, Tom Brandon, said, "If anyone needs me, night or day, please call and I'll come immediately."

Thirty hours later J. C.'s wife asked for help. Thursday, after his work day, J. C. told his

wife that he had to get away and was going fishing. Within a few hours he returned and asked her to call the "preacher."

Asked To Be Taught

In the quiet hours of the early morning, the man, whom most members thought would never make a decision for Christ, asked to be taught how to believe. He wept aloud, prayed for forgiveness of sins, accepted the Saviour and shed tears again as he experienced the joy of salvation.

During Friday evening's revival services, J. C. shared his new life experience with the congregation. The pastor said, "This experience has strengthened my heart in the faith that the Holy Spirit convicts deeply."

Pressures Increase On Spain Baptists

By Mrs. Charles W. Whitten
Tonight I stepped back into the first century. At 8:07 p. m. my husband, our three children, and I came out the front door of a dingy apartment building in Barcelona, Spain, with an air of studied casualness.

Mrs. Whitten and her husband, both natives of Mississippi, are Southern Baptist missionaries in Spain.

We walked toward the little car that we had parked on a side street away from the building in order not to attract attention. We did not turn to wave good-by to our friends because we had been warned against congregating in groups or making any public manifestation. As we drove away from the area where Third Baptist Church is located, we felt that we had worshiped in the caves of the first-century Christians.

Home Meetings Planned

This period of persecution for Third Church began in September when the police notified the pastor that if meetings were continued in the little rented hall the church would be closed. A plan was then worked out to have home meetings.

Tonight at 5:45 a half-dozen leaders of the church met for prayer in the apartment of one of the deacons. The pastor asked God to use present circumstances for his glory and to

make the membership strong enough to carry on despite difficulties. Five minutes later the six men left the apartment and divided up for the three home meetings which had been arranged.

The meeting my family attended was held in a third-floor apartment a block from the church building. The living room, about eight by 14 feet, was so packed that the preacher could scarcely get to the front to speak. The vestibule and entrance hall were full, and several people were in the kitchen and adjoining bedrooms.

Air of Sadness

There was an air of profound sadness intermingled with a spirit of joy in being able to continue meeting. We sang hymns very softly to avoid attracting attention. The prayers were full of emotion. The service was carried on as if it had been held in the church building; but every time the doorbell rang, the little congregation looked nervously toward the door, half expecting the police to enter.

The message was on "Christian Hope," and the final prayer reaffirmed the assurance that God's grace is sufficient for our every need. With kisses and handshakes around the circle, the little group filed out one by one, down the dark stairway and into the street to face another week.

Pastors' Salaries Below Average

NASHVILLE — (BP)—It is time the churches did something about the poorly paid ministers of America. This is the frank opinion of a group of laymen in Minneapolis, Minn. who conducted a survey for Ministers Life and Casualty Union. They found that two-thirds of the more than 200,000 in this country are in debt.

"On an average 1958 income of \$4,432, the minister must carry out not only the responsibilities of husband and father but must also cover inadequate allowances provided by the church for fulfilling and improving his professional functions," their report said.

"In the face of inflated dollar values, comparatively slow-rising salaries of ministers have less buying power now than they did in 1939 at half their present size. As the number of salary-dollars rose, they were swallowed by a corresponding increase in the prices of household and personal necessities. And the remainder is eaten away by new expenses created by modern society, such as a growing number of charities demanding contributions and new appliances becoming standard items in the home.

Long Work Week

"A 60 to 80-hour week is standard for ministers despite the fact that a set salary decreases in value-per-hour as the hours

increase. This compares unfavorably with the working man's status, where after 40 hours a week his hourly rate increases to time-and-a-half and even double-time. In the same number of hours, in many cases it is possible for the workman to triple his minister's salary.

"As a trained professional man and respected community leader, the minister has a reasonable amount of status to maintain, regardless of cost. As the head of his family, he must provide his wife and children with the necessities of life. As a human being, he must struggle to provide himself and his family with the creature comforts resulting from books, recreation, education and savings. It is impossible for a minister to meet all today's financial demands on a salary with 1939 buying power. Two-thirds of the country's ministers have proven this by going in debt.

"The problem is serious. It costs just as much for a minister to send his children to college or to run his car as it does for anyone else.

"The solution lies in the hands of the church directors and members — in their consideration and decision on how much they can give for all they receive."

Calendar of Prayer

December 8 — J. Gordon Kingsley, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Children's Nook Committee, Hinds Association.

December 9 — W. B. Boatner, Neshoba Association Supt. of Missions; Billy Cooper, Franklin Assoc. Supt. of Missions.

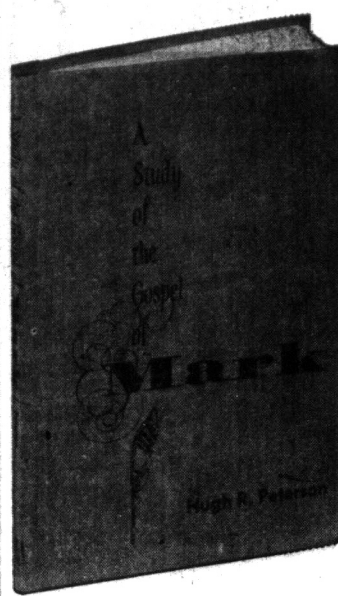
December 10 — Donald Winters, William Carey faculty; Dr. W. T. Waring, Lincoln Association Sunday School Supt.

December 11 — Lee Hudson, Lowndes Assoc. Sunday School Supt.; Miss Virginia Sansing, Lowndes Assoc. Music Director.

December 12 — Mrs. Ralph Alewine, Baptist Building; Mrs. Elma Lois McKinstry, Blue Mountain College faculty.

December 13 — Coby Byrne, B. S. U. Director, Mississippi College; Landis Herrin, Lebanon Association Brotherhood President.

December 14 — E. B. Fultz, Humphries Assoc. Training Union Director; Winfred Holder, Holmes Association Training Union Director.



New Books

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK by Hugh R. Peterson (Convention Press, 150 pp., \$60) — the January Bible Study Week book for 1959, placed at the eye-level of laymen, a clear-headed, understandable exposition of the basic Gospel, expertly done by one of the speakers at the recent state convention, a New Zealander-American now administrative dean, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPINOZA by Harry Austryn Wolfson (Meridian Books, Inc., 392 pp., \$1.95) — an Olympian treatment by a Harvard professor of the vast, flooding fountain of medieval life from which Spinoza drank so deeply.

HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE by Max Magolis and Alexander Marx (Meridian Books, Inc., 752 pp., \$1.95) — probably the most authoritative study of the subject in this century, a prodigious work by two men unquestionably competent to set forth the long, long story of their own people.

THE YEARS THAT COUNT by Rosalind Rinker (Zondervan, 118 pp., 18 vital questions into the reader's life, helping him or her find the Christian answer to teen-age problems.

ALL THE MEN OF THE BIBLE by Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan, 381 pp., \$4.95)—3,000 of them, assorted for a handy acquaintance with the inquiring student of the Bible, a complete profile on personalities of both Testaments.

CALIFORNIA CULT by H. T. Dohrman (Beacon Press, 163 pp., \$3.95) — a dispassionate and sensible study (18 months of research under a Harvard fellowship) of "Mankind United," one (but a typical one) of many off-beat, semi-religious groups that flourished in that tiny Pandora's Box called California.

THE ROLE OF KNOWLEDGE IN WESTERN RELIGION by John Herman Randall Jr. (Beacon Press, 147 pp., \$3.50) — some fresh air for the debate halls where the old proposition, science vs. religion, seems now to be incorrectly stated; some stimulating discussion by a Columbia University professor as we move into 1959, the centennial year of Charles Darwin's Origin of the Species.

THOMASVILLE, N. C. — (BP) — Thomas P. Pruitt, 65, prominent lawyer and outstanding Baptist layman, died Sunday, Nov. 16, in Hickory, N. C., his home.

The Baptist Record
W. C. Fields, Th. D., Editor
Joe Abrams, Associate Editor
J. E. Lane, Business Manager
Anne McWilliams, Ed. Asst.

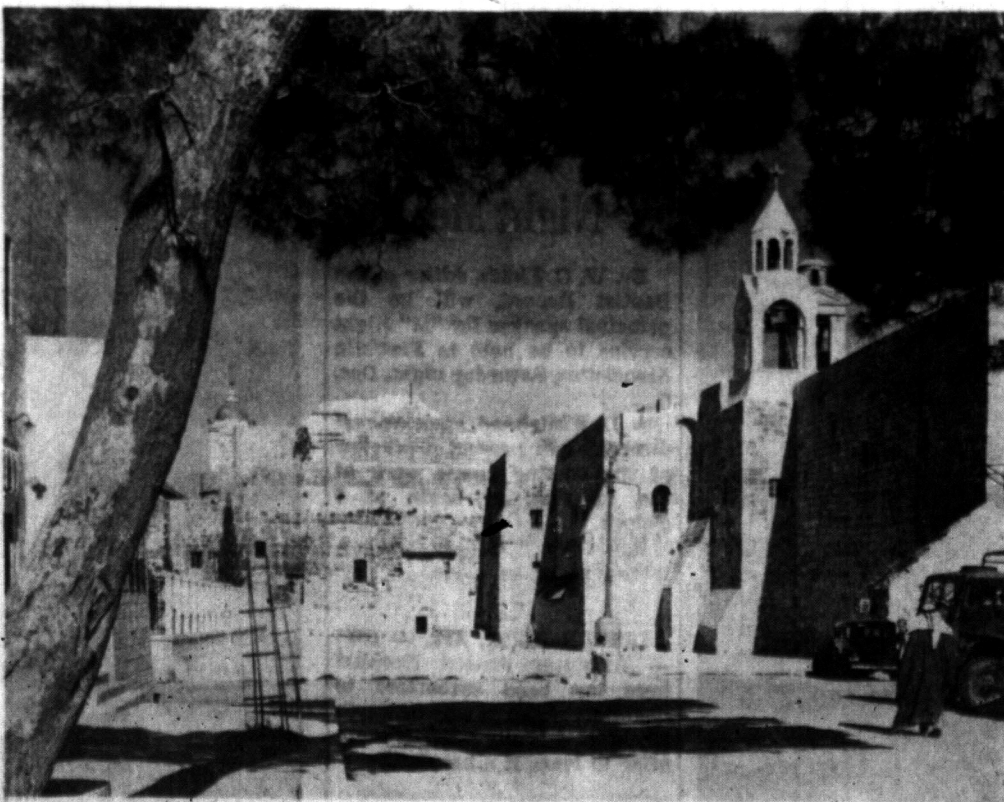
Official Journal of the
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST
CONVENTION BOARD
Box 530, Jackson 5, Mississippi

Chester L. Quarles, D. D.
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
The Baptist Building
Mississippi Street at Congress

Baptist Record Advisory Committee:
Henry Harris, West Point; Purser
Hewitt, Jackson; Rev. B. T. Bishop,
Meadville; Dr. R. A. Tullos, Vicksburg;
Rev. Sam Waggener, Petal.

Subscriptions: \$2.00 a year payable in advance.
Entered as second-class matter April 4, 1918, at the Post Office at Jackson, Miss. under the Act of October 3, 1917. Obsolete of 150 words or less will be published free. More than 150 words will be charged five cents per word. Memorials and resolutions will be charged five cents per word. The sender of material requiring a charge should state to whom bill should be sent.

The Baptist Record is a member paper of the Southern Baptist Press Association, the Associated Church Press, and the Evangelical Press Association.



THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY in Bethlehem is built over a grotto which marks the traditional site where Christ was born 2,000 years ago. On the floor of the grotto the exact spot of the Nativity is believed to be marked by the Star of Bethlehem — (RNS Photo).

STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER OFFERING

The State Mission Week of Prayer Offering through November 25, has reached a total of \$47,127.82 with 877 Women's Missionary Unions contributing.

COPIAH	
Antioch	36.75
Bethel	18.39
Carpenter	7.30
County Line	60.35
Crystal Springs	161.37
Damascus	8.50
Georgetown	83.00
Harmony	32.85
Hazlehurst	262.62
Highland	18.92
Hopewell	27.80
Pipe Bluff	6.75
Poplar Springs	21.60
Sardis	22.66
Shady Grove	31.77
Spring Hill	42.60
Strong Hope	15.59
Sylvania	15.90
Wesson	92.76
HINDS	
Bethesda	24.00
Byram	17.00
Clinton	43.79
Edwards	49.90
Forest Hill	20.77
Jackson	
Alta Vista	9.45
Alta Woods	53.38
Broadmoor	14.00
Calvary	495.12
Crestwood	37.99
Colonial Heights	55.00
Daniel	671.42
Efraine	25.00
First	2370.00
Griffith	24.10
Highland	28.46
Hillcrest	26.67
Midway	56.17
McDowell Road	6.50
Northside	266.33
Oak Forest	19.50
Parkway	10.28
Park Hill	14.21
Ridgecrest	107.67
Robinson St.	41.00
Southside	20.90
Temple	37.59
West Jackson	30.50
Westview	3.00
New Haven	71.00
Pocahontas	121.60
Raymond	76.19
Salem	105.00
Terry	56.25
Ulica	31.70
Morrison Heights	31.70

HOLMES	
Cruger	10.00
Goodman	63.50
Durant	123.01
Lexington	189.58
Mt. Pleasant	6.00
Pickens	76.19
Tchula	50.00

In Natchez Since 1936
V. J. STEPHENS
THE MUTUAL INSURANCE AGENCY
Fire and Auto Insurance
Fry Bldg. Dial 5537

THE CONCHA SILVER SHOP
(not to be confused with the Conchita Apartado 8 or Soto la Marina No. 5)
Tasco, Guerrero, Mexico
FINE SILVER JEWELRY
30% discount if you bring this adv.
A Protestant Shop

1400 QUIZ-QUESTIONS on the BIBLE
Complete with REFERENCES.
Know your Bible. Easy and pleasant home study increases knowledge of the scriptures. Arranged for use in training groups, social periods. Give quiz-parties for friends. Send \$1.00 for your copy to—

QUIZ-QUESTIONS
Box 7175, Kansas City 13, Mo.

IN OUR OPINION
Benson's Sliced
Old
Home Fruit Cake
Is The Best Ever Made!

BUY
From a local club.

If no club is selling
Benson's Sliced Old
Home Fruit Cake,
Order from

BENSON'S
We pay postage anywhere
in the USA. 3 lb. Sliced,
in a beautiful Holiday Box
and Wrapper for only....
\$3.75

Enclose your check or
money order, with clear
address for yourself and
friends.

BENSON'S
Box 71, Athens, Ga.

LISTEN TO THE
LITTLE PREACHER



"Just wait 'til you see this new
filmstrip the Home Mission Board
has produced—
HIS STORY TO PROCLAIM
It's so different — and exciting!"
Children are used to tell the story of
spiritual need and harvest by Southern
Baptists through the Home Mission
Board. This filmstrip will be useful with
all four of the Home Mission Study
books for 1959. A special script for children
is included. In color, with manual.
\$5.00.

Order from your
Baptist Book Store

West	
Harland's Creek	7.50
Mt. Vernon	30.00
MADISON	
Center Terrace	40.00
First	310.45
Madison	56.50
RANKIN	
Antioch	15.33
Brandon	249.10
Briar Hill	33.25
Concord	25.00
Eastside	8.00
Flowood	13.77
Leesburg	34.49
Liberty	17.41
Mt. Pisgah	74.70
Oakdale	53.50
Pearson	20.00
Pelahatchie	141.00
Puckett	150.00
Star	46.27
Steele's Creek	182.45
Valley	7.00
Wagon	35.00
Richland	3.70

SIMPSON	
Bethlehem	21.00
Beulah	63.77
Braxton	47.40
Campbell Creek	6.32
Coat	10.00
Corinth	6.52
Damascus	8.50
DL	20.00
Fellowship	14.25
Gum Springs	16.00
Harrisville	10.00
Magee	156.53
Manly	38.00
Mendenhall	15.00
Macedonia	45.80
Mt. Zion	8.75
Pinola	7.40
Pine Grove	5.00
Pleasant Hill	26.26
Poplar Springs	10.28
Holly Grove	7.75
WARREN	
Long Lake	5.00
Grace	20.00
Vicksburg	
Calvary	59.41
First	12.50
Harmony	51.24
Immanuel	27.30
Northside	16.20
Trinity	10.05
Woodlawn	29.19

YAZOO	
Anding	4.25
Benonia	92.55
Benton	27.40
Bethlehem	12.91
Black Jack	40.00
Center Ridge	11.00
Concord	3.25
Eden	10.00
Hebron	15.75
Holly Bluff	24.31
Oak Grove	10.15
Ogden	18.00
Rocky Springs	20.50
Satartia	19.71
Tinsley	12.77
Calvary	15.16
First	92.64
Southside	13.15
Central	25.45
Meirhoe	12.25

DISTRICT 2	
Bentley	15.79
Boyle	72.98
Cleveland	
Calvary	34.00
First	106.28
Immanuel	106.28
Yale Street	10.75
Duncan	47.25
Gunnison	11.00
Merigold	35.23
Morrison Chapel	12.00
Pace	58.80
Rosedale	84.46
Shelby	83.50
Shaw	85.00
Shreve	20.00
Waxhaw	6.25

HUMPHREYS	
Belzoni	
Flint	192.06
Calvary	17.40
Second	11.99
Isola	21.50
Louise	10.90

LEFLORE	
Greenwood	
Calvary	59.23
First	450.00
North	70.15
Ita Bena	110.46
Riverside	7.50
Morgan City	31.30
Phillipston	32.12

RIVERSIDE	
Belen	36.50
Clarksdale	
Oakland	129.89
Riverside	130.06
Crowder	6.00
Daring	20.00
Darius	17.00
Green River	24.60
Lambert	27.00
Lula	106.25
Lyon	32.00
Marks	
First	310.55
West	7.00
Reynolds Mem.	26.54
Sledge	28.00
Tunica	134.60
Wainut	31.15

SHARKEY-ISAQUENA	
Anguilla	100.50
Lake Washington	13.18
Mayersville	2.50
St. Bayou	1.50
Valley Park	5.60

SUNFLOWER	
Bethany	5.00
Bethel	5.56
Blaine	15.00
Drew	90.14
Fairview	20.10
Indianola	
First	296.50
Second	23.02
Inverness	84.79
Lynn	8.25
Moorehead	27.66
New Hope	19.57
Rome	11.45
Roundaway	23.90
Rulesville	201.44
Sunflower	65.30

WASHINGTON	
Areola	65.65
Alexander Memorial	5.90
Airport Mission	10.34
Darlowe	12.25
Greenville	
Calvary	17.60
Emmanuel	6.91
Parkview	113.68
Second	60.25
Hollandale	117.85
Leland	
First	525.00
Swiftwater	19.15

DISTRICT 3	
CALHOUN	
Bethel	30.00
Big Creek	6.50
Calhoun City	162.57
Derma	35.50
Pittsburg	34.10
Sabauga	20.00
Slate Springs	87.88
Vardaman	60.00

CARROLL	
Carrollton	25.48
New Carrollton	54.00
McCarley	8.35
Mt. Pisgah	11.25
Valden	25.00
Colla	35.00

DESOER	
Benezet	16.00
Eudora	35.56
Hernando	59.69
Horn Lake	47.32
New Prospect	12.56
Olive Branch	52.71
Trinity	15.25

GREENADA	
Friendship	6.92
Gone Springs	8.91
Grenada	
Emmanuel	73.40
First	524.64
Hardy	12.75
Hebron	18.50
Holcomb	18.50
Pleasant Grove	13.85

MONROE	
Aberdeen	246.68
Becker	256.40
Central Grove	10.00
Center Hill	10.00
New Prospect	30.00
Smithville	14.90

PONTOTOC	
Cherry Creek	47.70
Ecu	64.84
Friendship	8.10
Locust Hill	9.15
Longview	14.12
Pontotoc	36.25
West Heights	327.06
Randolph	17.10
Thaxton	8.00
Trinity	12.10

PRENTISS	
Booneville	8.25
East Side	229.00
First	14.25
Mt. Olive	7.90
Wheeler	6.75
Osborne	6.75



INDOOR-OUTDOOR' CHURCH ATTENDANCE HITS 10,000—ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—With most of the worshippers sitting in their cars or on benches outdoors, attendance at the Sunday morning service of the Pasadena Community church here has reached as high as 10,000, including the regular indoor congregation. Six loudspeakers on the main building carry the service to occupants of 3,400 cars parked outside the church. Ushers distribute church bulletins to all and take up the offering rain or shine. This year the congregation launched a campaign to build a new and much larger sanctuary. (Religious News Service Photo)

LAFAYETTE	
Anchor	2.90
Abbeville	8.30
Clear Creek	12.60
New Prospect	32.76
North Oxford	18.09
Philadelphia	15.00
Union West	13.35
Yellow Leaf	26.26

MARSHALL	
Bethlehem	60.00
Holly Springs	21.75
Potts Camp	20.00
Red Banks	15.00
Slayden-Alexandria	75.02

MONTGOMERY	
Bethlehem	9.00
Duck Hill	36.60
Kilmichael	25.00
Scotland	28.20
Stewart	10.00
Winona	85.75
Union	5.00

PANOLA	
Batesville	203.91
Como	90.00
Courtland	19.25
Crenshaw	31.50
Gunnison	34.50
Hebron	11.40
Liberty Hill	10.00
Pace	58.80
Peach Creek	30.92
Pilgrims Rest	15.71
Pope	21.37
Starkville	20.00
Tocowa	35.17

TALLAHATCHIE	
Charleston	356.44
Pavnes	12.57
Phillip	15.00
Sumner	50.00
Tutwiler	162.78
Webb	46.53

TATE	
Arkabutla	28.27
Central-Coldwater	92.84
Evansville	26.30
Flag Lake	10.00
Loxahoma	15.00
Mt. Zion	15.00
New Hope	6.46
Senatobia	216.02
Stray Horn	12.00
Hickory Grove	11.25
Bethel	26.00

YALOBUSHA	
Camp Ground	5.00
Coffeeville	115.90
Elam	5.00
Oakland	23.61
Water Valley	155.46

DISTRICT 4	
ALCORN	
Calvary	7.29
Corinth	
East	36.75
Mt. Vernon	231.65
South	23.00
New Salem	30.35
Pleasant Hill	66.85
West	
Hinkle Creek	15.00
Kossuth	46.50
Rienzi	7.50
Shiloh	4.50
Tishomingo Chapel	24.27
Okolona	5.28
North Corinth	4.50
Unity	16.38

BENTON	
Ashland	26.54
Hickory Flat	25.68

CHICKASAW	
Arbor Grove	25.00
Bethel	9.30
Carnation	36.30
Egypt	19.17
Houlka	25.31
Houston	150.00
Okolona	74.00
Union Chapel	20.20
Van Vleet	14.25
Woodland	8.50

ITAWAMBA	
Evergreen	10.00
Trinity	17.00

LEE	
Auburn	15.00
Bethel	44.60
Bissell	36.50
Camp Creek	5.00
Euclatubba	10.00
Netleton	27.35
Priceville	25.00
Saltito	88.90
Shannon	19.30
Sherman	134.50
Tupelo	

DISTRICT 5	
ATLANTA	
Bear Creek	8.90
Berea	3.12
Kosciusko	21.92
Starkville	300.00
McAdams	28.00
McCool	28.00
Sallis	25.00
Springdale	25.00
Nitty	16.38
Williamson	28.00
Yoknapokany	3.00

CHOCTAW	
Ackerman	190.42
Blythe Creek	25.50
Concord	18.50
Fellowship	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	9.10
Weir	14.90

CLAY	
Pheba	18.80
West Point	634.21
First	7.10
Siloam	

LOWNDES	
Antioch	28.50
Artesia	16.80
Bethel	5.70
Bond	20.00
Columbia	
Calvary	25.53
First	7.00
East End	87.70
Fairview	81.28
Plymouth St.	110.07
Scout	25.65
Mt. Vernon	50.00
Mt. Zion	49.75
New Salem	8.00
Pleasant Hill	9.00

NOXUBEE	
Brooksville	74.14
Concord	37.00
Deerbrook	15.00
Union	15.00
Calvary	21.68
First	55.41
Mashulaville	79.30
Shuqualak	77.30

TISHOMINGO	
Belmont	13.00
Bellevue	27.66
Calvary	25.00
Luka	65.50
Paden	14.00
Tishomingo	60.51

TIPPAH	
Blue Mountain	345.00
Chalybeate	95.85
Harmony	5.50
Ripley	194.99
West	12.00
Walnut	32.80
County Line	12.00



PINS AWARDED—Twenty nine persons were awarded pins in recognition of perfect attendance records by First Church, Charleston. The perfect attendance records run from one to nine years. All persons receiving awards were present in the worship service in which they were presented. Those receiving award were: first row: Larry Meek, second row, from left: Wesson Coker, Martha Grace Wilkie, Glenda Wright. Third row: Charlotte Johnson, Alix Marie Mitchell, Clara Dean Cox, Judy Coker, Mrs. Wesson Coker, Bonnie Breedlove, Sandra Westbrook, Gail Powers, Shirley Gray, Rebecca Westbrook. Fourth row: Rice Pritchard, McElrie Mitchell, D. L. Rice, Mrs. Allen Powers, fifth row: Leonard Adams, Mrs. Leonard Adams, Mrs. Spencer Cox, Christine Carithers, Mrs. on Meek, Rebecca Breedlove, Mrs. H. O. Tatum; Sixth row: Mrs. B. E. Carithers, H. E. Martin, Larry Selby, Allen Powers, Dr. Eugene Grubbs is pastor.

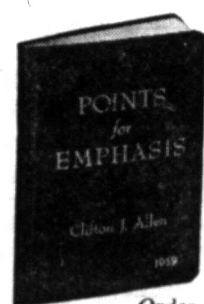
Missionaries' Child Drowns

KODIAK, Alaska (RNS)—The three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Fairchild of Leoti, Kans., American Baptist Convention missionaries, drowned in Mission Lake here after walking on its thin crust of ice.

Recovering their only son, Robby, from the icy water 200 feet from shore, the couple hailed a passing auto and rushed the child to a hospital. But it was too late.

The tragedy occurred only two months after the Fairchilds arrived here for their first term of service under the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. They were house-parents at the denomination's Kodiak Children's Home.

They returned to Kansas the following day for Robby's funeral.



You will be delighted to give POINTS FOR EMPHASIS, 1959

by Clifton J. Allen

The handy-sized commentary of the International Sunday School Lessons.

Containing: an introduction to each Sunday school lesson for 1959; an application of lesson truths to life today; the Scripture passages; daily Bible readings.

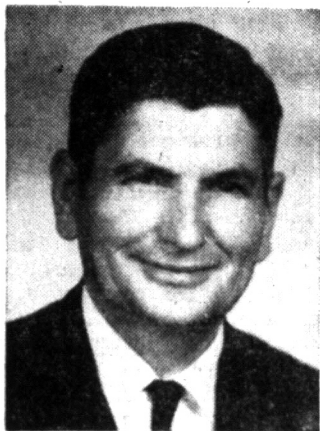
3 1/2 x 5 inches

Only 95¢

Order now for Christmas at your . . .

BAPTIST BOOK STORE

125 N. President Street
Box 527
Jackson 1, Mississippi



Rev. W. B. Boatner

Takes New Post

Rev. W. B. Boatner has recently accepted the position of Supt. of Missions in Neshoba County after having served in the same position in Adams-Union Associations for the past 5 1/2 years.

He is a graduate of Clarke Memorial College and Mississippi College and attended New Orleans Seminary. His new address is 539 Holland Avenue, Philadelphia.

THE ORIGINAL CP

By DR. WAYNE BARTON
Professor, New Orleans Seminary

We are all the time saying it. "All things work together for good." But do they? Such a view is no more than fatalism, though perhaps in reverse.

Of course, there is more to it than that. "All things work together for good to them that love God." But do they? Add, if you prefer, "to them who are the called according to his purpose." But do they? Such a view is no more than determinism, though perhaps a benevolent, theocratic determinism, if you please.

What Paul said, quite literally, was: "With the ones loving God, with the ones being called according to His purpose, He (God) is co-operating all things into a good thing." (Romans 8:28).

"Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul."

It matters not how-strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul."

So said William Henley in these lines from "Invictus." And for years he has been denounced as an atheist for having thus spoken. Perhaps he was an atheist. But there is a sense in which he was right. God wills the "good" thing for us, but He will not impose His will upon us. However, with our co-operation He will work all things for our good. This is the original Cooperative Program.

Clear Creek Dedicates Pastorium

The Clear Creek Church, Oxford, has dedicated its new pastorium debt-free.

Members and interested friends gave a total of \$7,648.32 for the cost of the structure. One of the major aids in the building program was the Unified Budget which was adopted by the church in 1957.

It provided for a substantial raise in pastor's salary, the placing of the Cooperative Program on a 10 per cent basis, and the building of the pastorium. Even

then the church went "over the top" of the budget by a margin of \$1,687.20.

21 Decisions

During the year there were 21 decisions for Christ either by profession of faith, by letter, or by baptism.

The home was completed in August, 1958. Open House was held on the same day as the Dedication Service with 104 friends coming and admiring the home. Rev. James D. Watson is pastor.



The pastorium of Clear Creek Church, Oxford, has been dedicated debt-free.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Both Missionaries and Money Needed for Missions Advance

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, reported a deepening interest by Southern Baptists in world missions at the Board's November meeting. He and other secretaries of the Board have attended the recent annual meetings of Baptist state conventions.

"In every instance there was a deep desire to know more about world need and our responsibility for sharing Christ with our fellow man," Dr. Cauthen said. "We can anticipate from these meetings of state conventions many people who will feel God's leadership to missionary service."

"The Foreign Mission Board is a channel through which the 31,000 churches in fellowship with the Southern Baptist Convention project their mission efforts across the world. Much of this effort is reflected in the fact that already the Convention-wide Cooperative Program budget has been reached and money is now being received from Advance Program funds."

(The Southern Baptist Convention's operating budget was met early in November. All Cooperative Program funds received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention from that time through December 31, called Advance Program funds, are shared by the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Mission Board receiving 75 per cent.)

Dr. Cauthen continued: "We are approaching a season when the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be uppermost in the thinking of Baptists. It is our hope that the Offering this year may be greater than ever before, not only in the amount of money given, but in the qualities of prayer, study, and dedication which are so vital."

"We are often asked which is needed more desperately, missionaries or money. We explain that in the operation of foreign mission work approximately one third of our income is required to maintain missionaries on the fields, one third is required to finance programs of work, and one third is required to construct necessary buildings."

"However, we follow a definite policy of sending the missionaries who are qualified to go and doing the best we can about our other responsibilities. There are financial needs totaling more than \$3,000,000 which we are unable to supply; but we are assured that our major step in mission advance is that of placing missionaries in larger numbers throughout the world."

"We will come to the close of 1958 having reached our objective of 130 missionaries. We will enter 1959 with high anticipation of appointing 140. We are constantly encouraged by the high quality of people who are yielding themselves to God for missionary service."

"Across the world missionaries and national Christian leaders are preparing for 1959 as a year of evangelism. Extensive plans are being made in

many countries. Efforts will call for simultaneous evangelistic meetings and crusades in large cities.

"There is increasing indication that further large-scale efforts in evangelism will emerge as progress continues. Every step taken in these efforts has indicated the value and wisdom of reinforcing our witness to Christ by special evangelistic measures. When these efforts are followed by adequate measures in church development the work on mission fields presses forward in a very definite way."

Eight Spanish Baptist Churches Now Closed

Dr. Cornell Goerner, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reported that the Baptist church at Seville, Spain, was closed on November 10 by order of the Spanish Government. "The addition of this church to the list brings to eight the total number of Baptist churches in Spain which have felt the hard hand of religious oppression from the central Government of Spain," he said.

Third Baptist Church, of Barcelona, and Third Baptist Church, of Madrid, were closed in September. Previously, five other churches had been closed or seriously restricted in their activities. There are 42 Baptist congregations in Spain.

Dr. Goerner said that in the Middle East "a relatively quiet situation has developed for the time being." The Baptist school in Beirut, Lebanon, reports a record attendance. Rev. and Mrs. John W. Turner have been able to move to Tripoli, in the north of Lebanon where the revolution first broke out last May. They report that the work of the churches is gradually moving back toward normal in this dominantly Moslem area of the country.

Secretaries Aboard

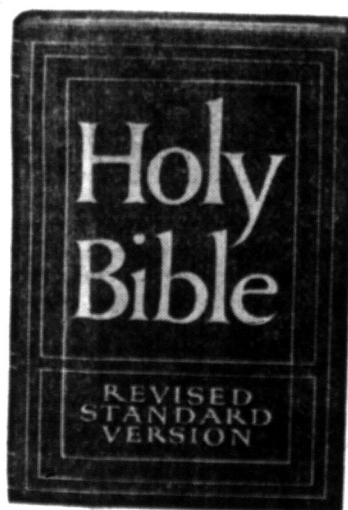
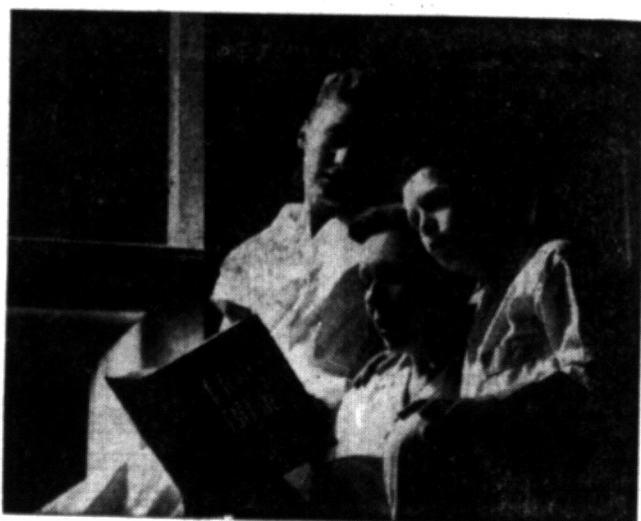
Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, and Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, are now overseas attending to mission business in the respective areas for which they have responsibility. Both will return to their offices by mid-December.

DALLAS — Leases are now being negotiated for space in the Relief and Annuity Board's new 15-floor Annuity Center under construction in downtown Dallas. The Center, to be completed in June, 1959, will lease space on 12 floors with the Relief and Annuity Board occupying two full floors and part of a third.

EAST SPENCER, N. C. (RNS) — East Spencer (N. C.) Baptist church has dropped its demand that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention's General Board apologize to its controversial pastor, Dr. James Bullman for denying him the floor at the convention's annual meeting last year.

NASHVILLE — (BP) — R. Kelly White, president of Belmont College here, a four-year school owned by Tennessee Baptist Convention, has announced he will retire Aug. 31, 1959.

This Christmas . . .



Give the Word of God to those you love
... in the living language of today!

What more timely gift for this moment in this world than a Bible! And what more timely Bible than the Revised Standard Version—so clearly written in the language we use today that your loved ones will turn to it twice as often for inspiration and peace of mind. The RSV replaces out-of-date, confusing expressions with clear, understandable language—yet preserves the poetic beauty of the King James Version. It is based on the most authoritative texts available. And since many of these are ancient manuscripts

only recently discovered, the RSV Bible is, in a sense, our oldest Bible as well as our most accurate.

Because of this new clarity and accuracy, the RSV is a Bible even for someone who already has a Bible.

Religious leaders of more than 40 denominations have praised the RSV Bible. More than six million copies have been sold. This Christmas give your loved ones a richer understanding of God's Scriptures with this magnificent Bible. They'll long remember you for such a treasured gift.

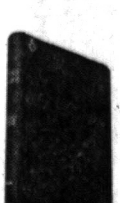
THERE IS AN RSV BIBLE FOR EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY



Red-Letter Edition (3909KL). An RSVB with the words of Christ in red. In moments, any part of the Master's message can be found for inspiration or study. Maroon buckram. Page size: 5 1/2" x 8 1/4". Binded. Black or red. \$7.50
In black genuine leather (3907KL). Binded. \$11



Rich genuine leather (3907, 3807R). Handsome edition for family and student use. Plenty of white space between lines for easy reading. Gold edges, ribbon markers. Page size: 5 1/2" x 8 1/4". Binded. Black or red. \$10
In maroon buckram, shown top right (3800) \$6.50



Young people's Illustrated Edition (2804Z). Contains 12 full-color pictures, 12 maps in color. Black leather, old binding with zipper. Limp style. Page size: 5 1/4" x 7 1/2". Binded \$5.50
Same as above, without zipper (2803) \$3.50
In blue cloth, without zipper (2800) \$2.25



NEW! Magnificent India-Paper Bible. A triumph of the bookbinder's art. Each edition is less than 1/4" thick, yet is printed in easy-to-read 9-point type. Gold edges and stamping, ribbon marker. Presentation page. Page size: 5 1/2" x 8 1/4". Binded. Rich black or red genuine leather (3809X, 3808XR) \$13.50
Luxurious black or red genuine morocco, leather-lined (3868X, 3868XR) \$20

Order from your BAPTIST BOOK STORE

THOMAS NELSON & SONS

Exclusive publishers of the Revised Standard Version Bible



BOYS AT PLAY—W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, plays with four of his boys, from left: Tyrone Cutrer, W. T. West, Terry Archer, Rickey Morris.

In 50th Year As Minister

By ELSIE MAY CHAMBERS
Clarion-Ledger State Editor

Dr. R. B. Gunter, for many years an outstanding figure in Baptist circles in Mississippi, and for the last few years the pastor of the Briarhill church

Quick EYE COMFORT

John R. Dickey's Old Reliable EYE WASH brings relief to burning, smarting, over-worked eyes. At drug stores. Dickey Drug Co., Bristol, Va.

HEAR Better with SONOTONE

108 S. President
Jackson, Miss.—Phone 2-2033
Henry T. Bouchelle, Manager

Fairest Lord Jesus

by Frances
King Andrews

This new picture book spans Jesus' life on earth. Distinguished both from the point of art and text. Illus. by John White. Ages 6 and up. \$3.00

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FROM
BROADMAN PRESS

Order from your
BAPTIST BOOK STORE

in a Pickle?

IF GIFT PROBLEMS ARE WHAT PUT YOU THERE, SAY NO MORE! WRITE YOUR NEARBY BAPTIST BOOK STORE FOR BAPTIST BOOK STORE GIFT CERTIFICATES... ANY AMOUNT FROM \$2.50 TO \$250.00. DO IT TODAY!

Share My Pleasant Stones

Daily Devotions for a Year

By Eugenia Price

What leading Christian magazines say:
Moody Monthly: "... new richness to many familiar Bible passages."
Youth for Christ: "... blessing on every page."
Eternity: "... original and well written..."
Beautiful full color jacket, 2-color binding with stained 384 clear-type pages. Only \$3.00 edges.

Published by Broadman Publishing House
AVAILABLE AT YOUR BAPTIST BOOK STORE



Dr. R. B. Gunter

in Rankin county, was honored Sunday at his church on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as a minister.

It was 50 years ago Nov. 23 that Dr. Gunter was ordained as a Baptist minister in the Standing Pine Baptist Church in Leake County, and 50 years ago Nov. 30 that he preached his first sermon there from the text 2nd Timothy 1:12: "For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Sunday Dr. Gunter did not preach, but rather listened to his church members and friends from other churches talk about him.

J. M. Taylor, chairman of the Board of Deacons of Briarhill, presided, and read telegrams and messages from others who could not be present.

The church choir sang, and Rev. Joe Canzoneri, of Jackson sang a solo. Mrs. Canzoneri, also present, is the daughter of Dr. A. M. Barnett, of Leake county, who preached the ordination sermon for Dr. Gunter half century ago.

Book of Letters

Principal speaker for the morning was Avon H. Doty, of Jackson, representing Dr. W. A. Hewitt, a former pastor of the church, who was unable to be present. Dr. R. A. McLemore, president of Mississippi College, was also present and brought greetings to Dr. Gunter.

Among many other guests present were Professor A. S. McLendon, of Jackson, a former teacher of Dr. Gunter's, and E. C. Williams, formerly head of the Baptist Sunday School work in the state. Dr. Gunter was at one time pastor of Dr. Williams'

parents.

A high point of the Sunday service was the presentation by Mrs. Prentiss Taylor of a Book of Letters of Appreciation. The letters were written from members of his present as well as all former pastorates and from other denominational associates and friends.

Executive Secretary

Dr. Gunter, who is resigning the work at Briarhill the first of the year because of his eyes, has been the pastor there for the last four and a half years. At a former time he served the church for a five year period. Dr. Gunter has served a number of rural churches, including several in Leake county, where he began his ministry. It was about 35 years ago, however, that denominational leaders sought out the young minister and made him secretary of the Baptist Education Commission. He held the post for two years and under his leadership Baptists paid off the college indebtedness.

Two years later he was made executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, a post he held for 18 years. Dr. and Mrs. Gunter now make their home in Jackson.

A large congregation attended the celebration Sunday and also enjoyed the "dinner on the ground" arranged especially for Dr. Gunter.

Drama Festivals

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—Five church drama festivals will be held next spring in Baptist churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

January 29-31 at First Church, Florence, S. C.; March 12-14 at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.; April 9-11 at First

Sunday School And Training Union Attendance

November 30, 1958

Aberdeen, First	364	123
Amory, First	472	174
Antioch (Lowndes)	165	107
Batesville, First	459	195
Belden	130	109
Bethel (Copiah)	117	99
Booneville, First	343	125
Brookhaven, First	847	339
(Southway Chapel	76	41
(Halbert Heights	47	36
Bruce, First	302	123
Bucatanua (Clarke)	70	36
Byram	229	164
Calhoun City, First	323	155
Clarksdale	467	172
(Fairview Mission	22	
Cleveland, First	414	96
(Chinese Mission	39	
Cleveland, Immanuel	214	106
Collins	178	128
Columbia, First	694	273
Corinth, Calvary	106	59
Corinth, East	212	126
Cruger	54	43
Crystal Springs, First	624	253
Dexie (Lebanon)	179	123
Drew	223	83
Flowood	96	68
Foxworth	204	91
Glenfield (Union Co.)	96	86
Greenville, Parkview	353	115
Greenwood, North	311	103
Gulfport, Bayou View	129	64
Gulfport, First	860	293
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	269	104
Hattiesburg, First	569	208
Hattiesburg—		
Main St.	1008	519
N. Main Miss.	45	52
(Wayside Mission	39	39
38th Avenue	237	135
(Bonhome Miss.	13	
Houston, First	354	172
Jackson—		
Alta Vista	30	41
Alta Woods	690	337
Broadmoor	576	261
Calvary	1519	520
(Mission	35	25
Daniel Mem.	937	438
First	1489	519
Highland	181	103
Hillcrest	335	205
Midway	283	113
Northside	686	227
Parkhill	131	78
Parkway	977	555
Ridgecrest	628	227
Southside	292	198
Van Winkle	626	349
West Jackson	407	181
Kosciusko, First	637	195
(Maple Mission	14	
Laurel—		
First	596	185
Highland	377	173
Plainway	113	123
Wildwood	347	140
Lucedale, First	369	149
Long Beach	343	111
(DeLisle Miss.	16	14
Longview (Oktibbeha	95	79
McComb—		
Central	196	122
Locust St.	107	59
Navilla	125	65
South	279	98
Meridian—		
First	84	256
Arrowood	82	34
Eighth Ave.	196	84
Eastview	136	89
Emmanuel	78	62
Highland	612	216
Calvary	398	216
Fifteenth Ave.	616	301
Poplar Sprgs. Dr.	492	187
(Grandview Chapel	30	21
Oakland Heights	326	148
Oak Grove	95	70
Morton, First	243	127
Natchez, First	566	199
Natchez, Morgantown	204	113
New Albany, North Side	90	67
New Albany, First	662	231
Newton, First	408	173
Niland Chapel (Bolivar)	82	95
Oxford, First	481	249
Pascagoula, First	641	226
(McArthur Chapel	46	15
Pearl (Rankin)	243	122
Petal, Crestview	74	52
Petal-Harvey	389	196
(Harvey Mission	46	41
Petal, Temple	186	83
Picayune, First	569	132
(Mission	17	
Potts Camp	109	33
Parvis, First	268	102
Ripley, First	338	148
E. Ripley Miss.	37	28
Ruth	81	63
Sharon, First	157	69
Sharon (Gulf Coast)	56	42
Soso, First	124	74
Springfield (Scott)	147	96
Starkville, First	669	324
Sumrall, First	115	65
Tupelo, First	489	163
Tupelo, Harrisburg	574	217
Union, First	362	135
Wayside (Yalobusha)	36	33
West End (Winston)	54	51
Winona, First	466	167
(N. Winona Miss.	63	47
November 23, 1958		
Aberdeen, First	407	163
Bethel (Rankin)	70	61
Corinth, East	236	149
Drew	235	81
Glenfield (Union Co.)	107	92
Gulfport, First	990	338
New Albany, Northside	106	75

Baptist Church, DeRidder, La.; April 23-25 at Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; and April 30-May 2 at Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1958

— THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Jesus' Matchless Power

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

Bible lesson: Mark 4:35-43.

INTRODUCTION. The event of this lesson comes at the end of a period of exhausting labor and our blessed Lord was tired. Wearied with His work, He said to His disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." This is the explanation usually offered for His desiring to cross the Lake. It does not altogether satisfy me, but more of that later.

The region across the Lake, to which His rowers bent their oars, was called, to Mark at least, the land of Gerosenes, and the point on the coast at which they landed opened into a graveyard—of graves which were natural caves in the rocky hillside or graves cut out horizontally in the rocks for the reception and retention of dead bodies.

The mouths to these graves were closed by piling stones in them. And, not infrequently, the stones fell down or were removed by vandals and the graves lay open to the outside. It was in these that the unhappy man, with whom the Lord had dealings, found his home and revolting bed.

I. THE DEMONIC. My own belief is that it was to meet this demoniac that our Lord made the voyage across the Lake. Why did the Lord's boat land at that point on the coast? What was there attractive about a graveyard that the Lord should have bent His steps and course to it? I verily believe that the attraction was this demonized man. And, what kind of man was he?

The psychologist has a word which I might use if I knew how to spell it, that denotes a split personality, that is, that two persons lived in the same man. He is possessed by the



Rev. Leonard Holloway

OBSERVE 8TH ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Leonard Holloway will observe his eighth anniversary as pastor of the Robinson Street Church, Jackson, on December 7.

Mr. Holloway was responsible for the organization of the church, which began from the outset as a church.

On this eighth anniversary of both the pastor and the church, Sunday, December 7, Open House will be held for the newly completed educational building from 3 until 5 p. m.

The church property is now valued at \$225,000, with 548 enrolled in Sunday School and a church membership of 468.



LICENSED—Rev. John H. Thomas, of Bogalusa, La., a student at William Carey College, was licensed to preach recently in the Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg. He has done supply work in various churches in Hattiesburg and surrounding communities.

conviction that he is, first one person, then another. I say this conviction possesses him! That is, he is possessed at one moment by one personality, and the next moment by another. So that, mentally, he is two persons in one man. Now, I think, this was the case with this man coming out of the tombs, so in possession of the demon within that he could not live at home and was a fierce enemy of his better self in his sepulchral exile home.

II. WHAT THE DEMONIC DID. He saw Jesus from afar and was normal in his reaction to the presence of Jesus. Under the impulse that would lead normal men to pay reverence to Jesus he ran to Him and doing obeisance, worshiped Him. At that very instant, the demon in him took possession, "and he cried with a loud voice: 'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God that thou torment me not.'"

Here, I think, we see an example of the struggle that goes on in the life of every man, at least to some extent. The normal within cries out for harmony with God, the normal course of worship with His holy name; but, opposed to this is always another spirit manifesting opposition to God, and when this spirit gains the ascendancy in such measure as to control the man, we have a demon possessed.

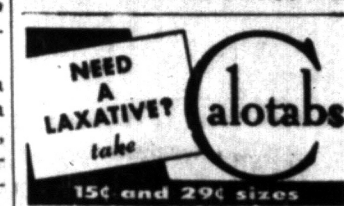
I heard a South Carolina mountain preacher, a passion preacher from the hinter lands, explain this man to a congregation in a tent, typical with sawdust trails and rustic benches. He said, "Trouble with this man was, he had the devil in him and the devil in a man makes him unfit to live at home. The devil in a man sends him out from his home, down so far sometimes, as the graveyard. The devil in a man keeps him from being on good terms with himself. Man who has the devil in him can't even get along with himself." All this furnishes good teaching against all forms of intemperance.

III. THE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE DEMON. You will notice that the demon cried out, testifying to the deity of Jesus. He was unwilling for the devil or devil-possessed men to bear witness to Him as the Son of God and so He commanded, "Shut up and come out of him."

Perhaps the demons cannot do their demoniacal, devilish work, except through some instrumentality and that is why he requested to be allowed to go into the swine.

IV. WHERE RELIGION COUNTS FOR MOST. This poor man, on being restored to his right mind, naturally wished to go with his new found Lord and so he made his prayer and we remark that the first prayer of this new convert was denied by Him who answers prayer. But, may we not say that when any specific prayer is denied, it is because the Lord has something for us better than that for which we ask.

So, the Lord instructed this restored man to go to his home and tell his folk and his friends what the Lord had done for him and had shown mercy to him. And, the restored man went home at once and began to publish the story of his recovery and the glory of the Lord throughout Decapolis, and all men marveled. Thus, he pointed the home as the sphere in which religion counts the most.

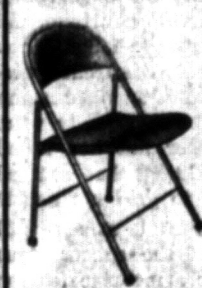


**Surgical Supports
FOR MEN and WOMEN**
When the doctor prescribes a support, it is of vital importance that you be fitted exactly as prescribed.

PRIVATE FITTING ROOMS
Kay Surgical, Inc.
116 S. Roach Street
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Your
BAPTIST BOOK STORE
is headquarters for

BIBLES • BOOKS
AUDIO VISUALS
CHURCH SUPPLIES



CHURCH FURNITURE

FOR EVERY NEED AND BUDGET

Pulpit and Communion Sets — Fonts and Lecterns — Chancel Equipment — Pews — Folding Tables and Folding Chairs.

Complete Outfitters for All Sunday School Departments

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL SUPPLY CO.

Jackson, Mississippi

BIOGRAPHY AT ITS BEST FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

WILLIAM COLGATE, YEOMAN OF KENT

by Saxon Rowe Carver

With an exciting pre-Revolution background, this is the story of how William Colgate rose from an apprentice to become the founder of a large soap manufacturing company and an outstanding Christian businessman. An adventuresome book with true moral strength. Illus. by Kurt Wiese. Ages 9-12. \$2.00

THE TELEGRAPH BOY

by Augusta Stevenson

Tells of the boyhood adventures of E. Y. Mullins, a famous minister and educator. His experiences as a printer's devil and a telegraph boy in the old West make thrilling reading anytime. Illus. by Harold Minton. Ages 9-12. \$2.00

Children's Books from Broadman Press Order from your Baptist Book Store

THAT BALANCE

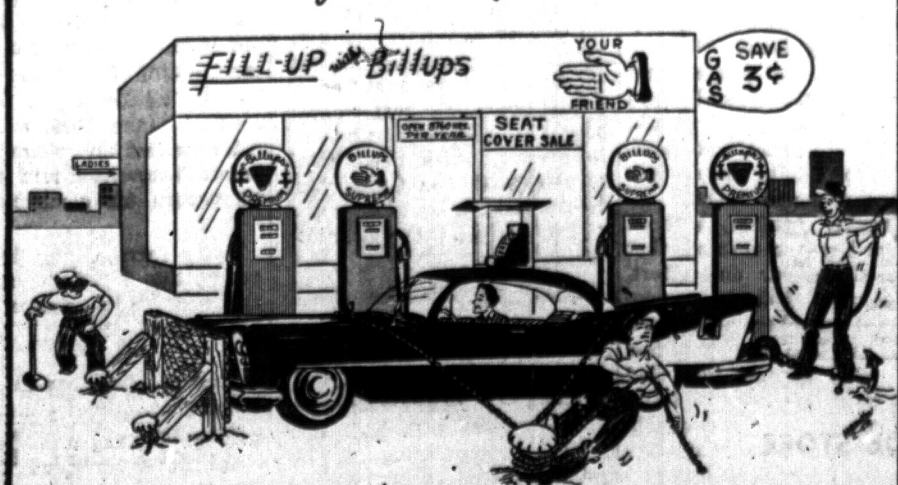
Is there a balance in your treasury? Do you have say \$5, 10, \$25, or maybe even more you would like to invest in just the right place. What about considering the Baptist Orphanage? There are many places it could be used: For shoes and clothing; For food; For school supplies; For school lunches; For special medical care; For needed repairs; For Christmas presents and parties; For Recreational and play ground equipment. THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING US.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

P. O. Box 97

Jackson, Mississippi

Better Bargains, Buy Billups



CAN I FILL IT UP WITH Billups PREMIUM GAS NOW, CHIEF!?

THRU-OUT THE SOUTH
BILLUPS SERVICE STATIONS

Crusade Service Gives Right Meaning Of Life To Airman

Roy D. Gresham
General Secretary
Maryland Baptist Union
Association

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of soul-winning experiences reported by state convention leaders. The series is a part of evangelism preparation for the 1959 Baptist Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade.

Determined to "catch-up on living" but taking time to hear his brother sing in a revival choir, an airman back from overseas duty changed his mind about the meaning of life.

The airman had completed a tour of duty in France and on his way to a new assignment stopped to visit a brother in Baltimore. The brother's church,

Middle River Baptist, was participating in an associational simultaneous evangelistic Crusade. The airman was in the city during the last revival service.

Out of respect, the 25-year-old veteran of world travels consented to attend the services and hear his brother sing.

Instead of only hearing a church choir, the young airman heard a message to his soul. He first believed that the evangelist was talking about the spiritual needs of several people he knew. Then he became aware of a direct message to a man who was "bent on taking the world apart and putting pieces of it together to suit himself."

Since the airman didn't live in the community and no one knew him except his brother, the congregation wouldn't suspect how he felt inside. The invitation became more personal and almost embarrassing. But no one else knew this and the services couldn't last long. After the final prayer and a few days visit, the airman knew that he could forget about his sentimental feelings.

With almost an audible sigh of relief, he realized that the last verse of the invitation hymn was being sung. It seemed as though his brother was singing to him personally. And suddenly he knew there was only one right thing to do.

Before the last verse was completed, the airman made a decision for Christ and walked to the front of the church.

His previous ambition to catch-up on living didn't change but his follow-through had a different meaning.

When he left Baltimore, the veteran airman knew that catching-up meant baptism and church membership. And he was grateful to a Baptist church where a sermon, prayers and a hymn of invitation could be so personal that a man would look at his real self and find himself in Christ.



PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN—Several preschool children eat lunch in dining hall at Baptist orphanage in Jackson. Seated around the table, from left, are: Mrs. Clyde Lee, Miss Karen Morris, Mrs. Eunice Odom, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bolls and Miss Lenna Morris.

DEVOTIONAL

A One Track Mind

Ry REV. TOM DOUGLAS, Pastor
First Church, Pontotoc

We frequently hear someone say, "Oh, I have a one track mind." This is usually said in such a way as to infer that others may be able to think about several things at a time, but you can't. Some people can think so fast that they actually do seem to be thinking about several things at the same time, and others can do one job and be thinking about something else, but for all practical purposes we all have a "one track mind."

Many years ago Thomas Chalmers preached a sermon on this idea which he called "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection." He related that the thought was given to him by a coachman who told him that whenever his horses came to a place in the road where they might get frightened he gave them a flick with the whip to give them something else to think about.

Only One Master

This is like the man who had a headache but he forgot all about it when he hit his finger with a hammer. The finger hurt worse and he forgot the lesser pain. A one track mind . . . I think it was with this basic idea in mind that Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters" Matthew 6:24a. In the verses which precede this we are encouraged to treasure heavenly treasures. This can be done by righteousness in general. To be more specific, we can do this by the right use of material possessions, even to the point of the cup of water given in His name.

Treasures

In this passage Jesus points out that we should not lay up treasures on earth because earthly possessions are so uncertain, because they soon pass away, and because they tend to turn the mind away from God. Plato expressed this idea when he said, "To prize wealth, and at the same time largely acquire wisdom, is impossible, for a man necessarily disregards the one or the other." This is THE ONE TRACK MIND.



Moulder Reunion

On Thanksgiving Day relatives and friends held a reunion at the Goodwater Church in Simpson County in memory of the parents and grandparents of the late Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Moulder. A program was held followed by lunch and the decoration of the graves.

NEW YORK — (BP) — The American Bible Society here has printed one million copies of the Gospel of John for the Southern Baptist Convention's "New Life for You" emphasis during 1959.

HONG KONG, China — (BWA) — The Hong Kong Baptist College began its third session with 565 students, 284 freshmen, 195 sophomores, and 86 juniors. A total of 638 boys and girls took tests in competition for enrollment as freshmen.

Pike Is Organized

The Pike County Baptist Pastor's Conference has been organized, with the following officers:

President, Rev. James B. Riley, Magnolia; vice-president, Ralph Webber, Osyka; secretary, Rev. Howard Brister, McComb; program chairman, Dr. Lawrence Clegg, McComb, RFD.

A committee was appointed to formulate a calendar listing all the activities of the association. The Conference will plan the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade for next March. The Conference will meet monthly.



BEN MITCHELL (right, city superintendent of missions in Louisville, Kentucky, views sign signifying "One of 30,000" new missions and churches with Phillip Carpenter (left), pastor of this mission. Mitchell has launched a campaign to get all the new churches and missions in Louisville to comply with this promotion of the 30,000 Movement of Southern Baptists by attaching "One of 30,000" signs to their church signs.



REFUGEE PROBLEM UNSOLVED—New York—The problem of 900,000 homeless Arab refugees remains unsolved ten years after the Arab-Israeli war. Thousands of families still live in tents, caves or ruins such as shown here. Protestant agencies continue to send relief supplies but according to Henry R. Labouisse, former director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the problem has been politically "pushed under the rug."—(Religious News Service Photo).

My Tragic Pulpit Failures

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.
Wake Forest, N. C.

Three black pulpit failures stand out like blots on my fifty joyous years as a preacher. What preacher does not look back with shame at some pulpit experience? Many a poor sermon caused me shame; but these three were calamities. I refer to them to tell others how to avoid them.

The first and worst was an effort to preach when I had no sermon and knew it—painfully. For several days I had scanned American history to find God in it. For God is in history, and I hold that any preacher misses a great segment of God's revelation, if he doesn't now and then point out how God has been working in the history of America — and indeed the world. I hoped to point this

out in a Sunday morning sermon.

Saturday night came, but not the sermon. My reading had given me only the background for it. Desperate efforts to find the sermon utterly failed. Then to a late hour I searched desperately to find an old sermon to fall back on. Equally vain. What preacher but has failed to find anything that seemed to click, or to grip his heart?

Fittingly I fell asleep still praying that the subconscious would shape a message for the great hour Sunday morning, or that some old sermon would grip me. But in near-despair I went into the pulpit without a sermon.

What to do but to tell incidents from my reading: the poverty and struggle of pioneer days, but with God real, and

the providences that were a clear challenge to America to be a light to all nations—why not a sermon in all this? But all the time as I dwelt on this I was painfully aware that hungry souls were looking up to me to be fed, and I was not feeding them. I ended in shame, knowing well I had been false to them and to Christ. I was indeed too ashamed to go to the door to speak to my people. And I ought to have been. For I do have a conscience about being a shepherd and feeding God's sheep.

A Mental Freak

My second calamitous failure was of the nature of a mental freak familiar to the psychologist. I went into the pulpit sure my sermon was a fairly good one, the manuscript before me. But I scorned to read

a sermon or even to appear to depend on it. But often I took to the pulpit a slip with a brief outline to lean on. It made for ease. And to fix a sermon outline in my memory was not easy.

On the fateful morning I found myself in the pulpit without the slip and the outline. I searched my Bible and every pocket, and ran to my study during the singing of a hymn—all in vain. If only I had mastered my outline I began uneasy; it grew to fear, then to panic (Later I found the slip at home). I became utterly rattled. I glanced at the manuscript. By a freak of the wind, I scarcely remembered it as mine, then or later.

In desperation I had to confess my sermon was gone. I asked for a hymn, and probed my memory desperately for some sermon lingering there since student days. Traces of one I had loved came to light. A dear deacon said it went well, and not to worry. But it remains a horrible memory.

Fear of People

In my third tragic, and rather recent, experience, I was to speak on what had become a favorite theme, how to prepare and to make the most of the long years of retirement and old age. I had written much on it, and was so saturated with it, that I felt no need of definite preparation. I had only to turn on the faucet, and the reservoir would flow of itself. Repeatedly I had had that experience with the same subject. I had no fear.

I started well, and then seemed to become aware of the sympathetic pastor sitting behind me. I knew he was already familiar with my line of thought. Wouldn't what I said seem stale to him? That thought began to divert, then to rattle me. I became utterly confused, and hastened to a random, weak conclusion—what should have been an informing, stirring sermon. I felt deeply mortified and ashamed—even for days and weeks. The pastor trusted me, his people needed the message, and I had failed!

How Avoid Such Tragedies?

I now know well such pulpit tragedies could have been avoided for me or anyone. Mine still haunt me, and lead me to

give several hints:

1. Begin with a concept of the GREATNESS OF PREACHING. Lately I was thrilled by a great baccalaureate sermon in a seminary urging nearly 100 graduate preachers never to be content with less than great preaching, both in matter and delivery. I wrote the preacher my strong appreciation. Few things in my past cause me deeper shame than my three calamitous failures.

2. Begin at least the Sunday morning sermon early in the week, to be sure the soul is aglow with it before Saturday night.

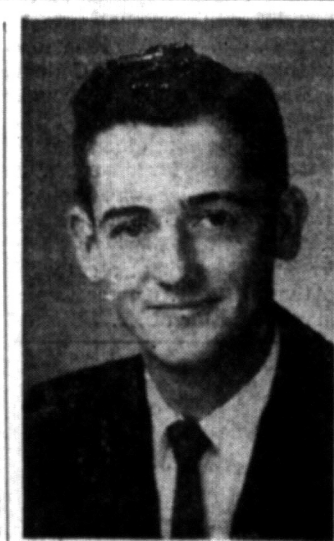
3. Form the habit of growing sermons over long periods. Have a seed-garden in which, week by week, you plant a seed-thought that burns for expression. It came as you read, on a visit, or in the night time. Note it in its context. It burned once; it could be fanned into flame on a desperate Saturday night, or even Sunday morning; yet only if necessity demands.

Definite Message

4. If, after all effort, one feels no passion to preach a definite message, then pray hour by hour Saturday night or Sunday morning, till you feel your soul glow with eagerness to help your people and to exalt Christ.

Looking back at my three tragic failures, one poignant cry rises from my heart: "If only I had prayed, and prayed, and prayed!" At least my soul would have been prepared; I should have felt forgiven, cleansed, humbled for God to use, all fear gone, victorious in defeat.

5. Frankly confess, without fear, you have no sermon, that despite all prayer and effort, God has given you no sermon. A faithful preacher might even dare to say that once in a few years. Why assume that God always wants a sermon? I think that very, very rarely a preacher without a message that grips him would do his people a service by saying frankly, "God has not spoken to me today; I take it as his challenge to make this a great prayer service of confession and dedication." I think indeed, that one's officers and leaders should be prepared for such an eventuality — once in a few years.



LICENSED — North McComb Church, Rev. W. E. Corkern, pastor, recently licensed Marvin Godbold, Jr. to the ministry of the gospel. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Godbold of McComb, Marvin is a student at Clarke College. He is married and has one daughter.



Rev. James L. Clark
**Carey Student Is
New Pastor Good
Hope (Lamar)**

Rev. James L. Clark has been called as pastor of the Good Hope Church, Lamar Association. Mr. Clark is a Junior at William Carey College.

Off The Record

"What's Mabel so mad about?"

"She stepped on one of those scales with a loud-speaker, and it called out: 'One at a time, please!'"

Professor: Can you tell me anything about the great chemists of the seventeenth century?
Student: They are all dead, sir.

It was Anthony's first ride on a railroad. The train rounded a slight bend and plunged into it tunnel. There were gasps of surprise from the corner where Anthony was sitting. Suddenly the train rushed into broad daylight again, and a small voice was lifted in wonder. "It's tomorrow!" exclaimed the small boy.

"Pa," said Johnnie, "what's a monolog?"
"It's a conversation being carried on by a man and his wife, son," growled his dad.

The auto hasn't completely replaced the horse. You haven't yet seen a bronze statue of a man sitting under a steering wheel.

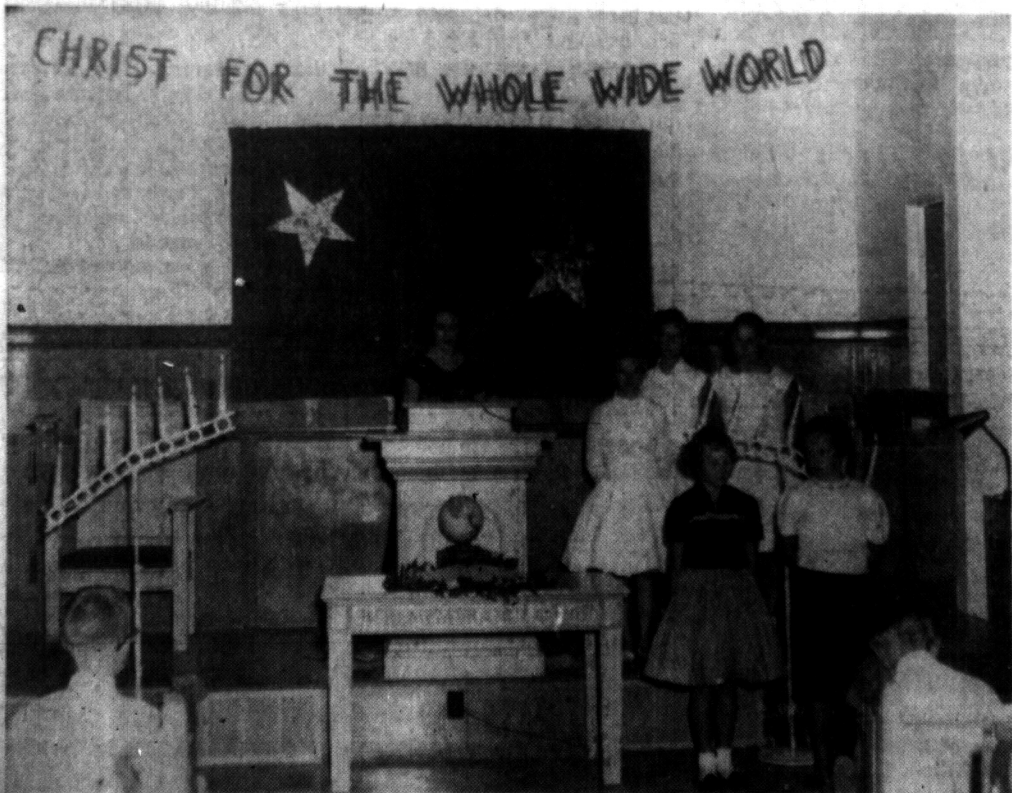
Youngsters do brighten up a home. Who ever saw one of them turn off electric lights?

Dairy farmer, questioning a prospective hired man: "Have any bad habits—smoke, drink, eat margarine?"

Student—For once in my life I was glad to be down and out. Stranger — When was that?
Student — After my first solo flight.

Young Father: In your sermon this morning you spoke about a baby being a new wave on the ocean of life.

Minister: That's right.
Young Father: "Don't you think a fresh squall would have been nearer the truth?"



FIRST PRESENTATION—The first G. A. presentation ever held at South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, has been held with three girls passing their maiden steps. Standing (left to right), Madeline Nicholas and Linda Ford. Back row, Miss Gloria Yarbrough, counselor, Barbara Nobles, Louise Boothe and Marlene Wall. Not shown: Mrs. Henry Yarbrough, W. M. U. president, who presented the awards; Sylvia Kirkland, pianist; Richard Thomas, trumpeter; and Don Wall and Freddy F.o.d., candlelighters.